



Jack D. Smothers

August 25, 1931 - January 7, 2013

Jack D. Smothers, 81, of Galatia, died Monday (Jan. 7, 2013) at his home, surrounded by family and friends after a short illness. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, west Kankakee, where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Burial will be in the Aroma Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to VNA Plus Hospice, Eldorado Chapter, 610 E. Walnut St., Evansville, IN 47713.

He was born Aug. 25, 1931, in Marion (Scottsboro). He served in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged in 1960. He worked 31 years at the Ford Stamping Plant in Chicago Heights, retiring in 1991. He married the former Darlene Williamson in 1955 and she passed away June 20, 1994. He remarried on July 6, 2001, to the former Marie Burlison, who survives.

He was a master of all trades self-teaching most of what he knew building two of his homes in Kankakee, remodeled two other homes along with many smaller building projects. He always had a huge vegetable garden and in recent years filled his yard with beautiful red geraniums that he protected each winter in a small greenhouse which of course he built. He took great pride in everything that he did and never said no to helping family and friends with any electrical, plumbing, or building projects. Aunt Eleanor said it best that his handprint remains on many homes.

In addition to his wife Marie, he is survived by his children, Linda (Gary) Chouinard, of Kankakee, Amy (John) Brown, of Bradley, Charles (Kathy) Rice, of Peoria, Ariz., and Darlene (Kelly) Coats, of Kankakee; nine grandchildren, Audrey, Dustin, Lesley, Steven, Denise, Seth, Sienna, Brian and Adam; seven great-grandchildren, Raven, Aaron, Jilliana, Aamira, Rayah, Emma and Steven III; two brothers, John (Ellen) Smothers, of Hume, and Ken (Ellie) Smothers, of Newman; two sisters, Irene (Floyd) Scarrow, of Suffolk, Va., and Ruby Walters, of Lewes, Del. He is also survived by his Galatia family, Paul (Nancy) Medlin, of Franklin, Tenn., Sue (George) Wiggins, of Carlyle, and Chuck (Linda) Medlin, of Paducah, Ky.; and grandchildren, Chad (Kristen), Greg (Marion), Blair and Ellie.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Lynn Smothers; brothers, Gilbert Smothers, Carl Smothers and Claude Smothers; and sisters, Edna Norris and Nancy Pulley.

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Cemetery Details

Aroma Park Cemetery

2585 S. Sandbar Rd
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-8638

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

JAN 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JT

“ I worked with Jack for many, many years. In fact, we car pooled together with 3 others and were known as "The Kankakee Connection". He was also a neighbor, and helped me with some wiring. I was shocked, and saddened by this news. My heartfelt condolences go to the family, especially Darlene & Kelly, whom I knew best. May God continue to give comfort.

Jim Thompson - January 14, 2013 at 01:41 PM

BG

“ A more down to earth and accomplished man as I've ever been fortunate to meet. Sorry to everyone for your loss-Mort

Bob Gott - January 10, 2013 at 05:33 PM

MT

“ May prayers are with the Smothers family in this sad loss. May God hold you close, bring you His peace and may your fond memories bring solace.

Mary Thomson

Mary Thomson - January 10, 2013 at 11:17 AM



SH

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shelley0 - January 10, 2013 at 11:15 AM



PD

“ *Pete & Connie Dato lit a candle in memory of Jack D. Smothers*



Pete & Connie Dato - January 10, 2013 at 10:25 AM

MW

My wife, Michele, and I send our condolences to your family. He was one of the "good guys"...sincerely, Mark Wegner

Mark Wegner - January 11, 2013 at 11:05 AM