



Jesse Wilder

May 12, 1924 - April 22, 2009

Jesse W. Wilder, 84, of Bradley, died Wednesday (April 22, 2009) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. Saturday until the 1 p.m. services at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Father John Antczak and Deacon Leon Fritz will officiate. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bradley; Provena St. Mary's Oncology Department; or to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. Mr. Wilder was a retired union pipefitter. He was the former owner of the Boiler Room restaurant; former owner/operator of the Wabash Grocery in Bradley; and owned and renovated many rental properties in the area. He was born May 12, 1924, in Bradley, the son of Eugene and Myrtle Clark Wilder. He was a 1943 graduate of Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School, where he was class president all four years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during World War II as a paratrooper and was a member of the Bradley American Legion Post 0766 and the Bradley VFW Post 6502. He was baptized overseas during World War II in Joigny France and also confirmed overseas during World War II in Rheims Cathedral, France. He was a member of Pipefitters Union Local 383 (now Local 422), where he was a former executive board member and treasurer. He was one of the original organizers of Little League in the area. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bradley, where he had been a member of the fundraising committee to build the current St. Joseph Church. He was an avid White Sox fan. He was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was involved in every aspect of their

lives. Surviving are his wife, the former Irene Dionne, of Bradley, whom he married Aug. 30, 1945, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee; one son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Debbie Wilder of Bradley; two daughters, Kay Wilder of Wilmington, Becky Wilder of Bourbonnais; grandchildren, Ryan and Tari Wilder, Dan Wilder, Megan and Jon Clark, all of Bradley, Jessica McCormick of Wilmington; one great-grandson, Owen Wilder; and one brother and sister-in-law, Ben and Wanda Wilder of Urbana. Deceased are his parents; two sisters, Harriet VanVleck and Jeanette Lergner; and two brothers, Eugene and George Wilder.

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“ *I remember one night it became about 98 degrees in our house, and our boiler was out of order. ĩ½Jesse came over and helped fix the boiler. ĩ½When he went to work the next time, his boss threatened to fire him for not calling the business for the work. ĩ½Jesse, did the Christian thing and told his boss, if he (Jesse) could not help a neighbor in need, then his boss could fire him. He was always there to help when you were in need. God has gained a wonderful soul in heaven.##imported-begin##Peggy Walters##imported-end##*

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“ *To everyone, My heart hurts for your hearts at this time of your life, but as you know our pal is alive, and well with our God, and all the people that made his heart feel like ours dose now. So let us be happy for him, and for the memories he left us. Let God Be With You All+ Roy##imported-begin##Roy Hulse##imported-end##*

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“ We are sorry for your loss##imported-begin##D'Arcy Ballinger##imported-end##

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“ Mr. Wilder, as I always have called him, was such a kind man. He loved his family and his church and his mother. I½I will always remember the little house in the back of his house where his mother lived. I½And I remember how he had a photo of Jack Kennedy over the lunch bar in the family room. I½The last time I saw the family was in 1999 and Mr. Wilder had suffered a stroke but was still his charming self. Way back in the 1960's Mrs. Wilder started to monitor his diet so that he would live long and be healthy...she did a good job. I½Love and condolences to the family. That was a good man.##imported-begin##Martha Million Lopez##imported-end##

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“ Dear Irene and Family,

My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Mr. Wilder was a wonderful man. Keep your wonderful memories close, for they will get you through these most difficult times.##imported-begin##Patricia Goggins Dahn##imported-end##

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“ Y'all have my deepest sympathies and please know that Mr. Wilder lives on in my fondest memories and recollections. Every time I recall a story and mention his name, it was and always will be spoken with much respect.

##imported-begin##Victoria Ozenghar (Hauersperger)##imported-end##

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“ To the whole Wilder Family, my thoughts and prayers, and deepest heartfelt condolences,, are with you at this time.Jesse was a wonderful husband father,grandfather and wonderful father in law to me.May God bless you Jesse as you arrive through the gates of heaven.##imported-begin##Paul Baldwin##imported-end##

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“ Deepest sympathy. ĩ½He will be missed.##imported-begin##Bea Maass##imported-end##

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“ Steve and Deb, Our sympathy on the loss of your father. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Richard Donath##imported-end##

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“ He built a home on his property for his mother, and he and Irene took care of her until she went to the Lord. ĩ½He always took time to be friends with adult and children alike. ĩ½He was a peaceful man and a great neighbor. ĩ½When you called his name, he was ready to listen to your problem, assist you as he could, and always have a listening ear. ĩ½We'll miss you Jesse. Thanks for being you.##imported-begin##The Walters family childre##imported-end##

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“ Irene, Steve and families,

 ĩ ĩ½ ĩ ĩ½ My Mom called, and let me know that Jesse had passed away. ĩ ĩ½ My sympathy and prayers go out to you and the family. ĩ ĩ½ I always have had great memories of the good old days in Bradley. ĩ ĩ½ I miss it alot and just smile with the memories of the family and friends next door. ĩ ĩ½ I hope all of you are doing fine and I will be thinking of you during these sad times. ĩ ĩ½

 God Bless you,

 Terri Wheeler (formerly Walters)##imported-begin##Terri Wheeler (Walters)##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers for Mr Wilder and his family.##imported-begin##Steve and Coleen McCabe##imported-end##

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“ I had not seen Uncle Jess or Aunt Irene in a long time, but I have fond memories of every time I did. ĩ ĩ½ I mentioned to Kay, Steve, and Becky that Uncle Jess brought a light into every room he entered. I will take comfort in the idea that a little bit of him will be with me always, and I hope all who read this will do the same. When all else fails, we will always have each other. ĩ ĩ½ So to everyone I say this: Love those who love you. Tell them as often as you can, even though they know, they always love hearing it. Pick up a phone and call someone you haven't spoken to in a long time. Give hugs away like this is your last chance. Smile, Love, Live, and above all else Be Thankful.

 Peace to all

 Sean ĩ ĩ½##imported-begin##Sean Faber##imported-end##

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“ To my Uncle Jesse and Family,

I wish I could be there to say good bye. ĩ½I wish the family my thoughts and prayers. ĩ½Uncle Jesse will be missed dearly. ĩ½Love ya uncle!!!!##imported-begin##John VanVleck##imported-end##

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“ Becky & Steve, ĩ½You have my deepest sympathy on the loss of your father. ĩ½I remember when you were planning the 50th anniversary party and he had a spell....can't remember if it was a stroke or heart attach. Anyway, know that you and your family are in my thoughts & prayers. ĩ½Becky I entered by e-mail address. ĩ½When you have a moment let me know how you are doing....I don't even know where you are working??? ĩ½I would love to have lunch sometime. ĩ½May God help you and your family at this very difficult time. ĩ½SueAnn O'Connor##imported-begin##SueAnn O'Connor##imported-end##

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