



John Hodak, Jr.

September 28, 1932 - February 3, 2008

John Hodak -- Kankakee John L. Hodak, 75, of Kankakee, died unexpectedly Sunday (Feb. 3, 2008) while vacationing in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. John Hodak was born Sept. 28, 1932, in Stambaugh, Mich. and moved to Kankakee in 1934 with his parents, John and Marie Colberg Otto Hodak. Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Marilyn (Yonke) Hodak; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Larry and Chris Hodak of Chicago, Mark and Paula Hodak of Kankakee, Bruce and Paula Hodak of Lexington, N.C., Phil and Sue Hodak of Kankakee, and Doug Hodak of Darien; eight grandchildren, Jason and Amy Hodak of Snowcamp, N.C., Jill Hodak of Island Lake, Jeremy and Katie Hodak of Kankakee, Jared Hodak of Asheville, N.C., Katie Hodak of Kankakee, Eleanor Hodak and Hannah Hodak, both of Chicago, John Hodak of Darien and his fiancée, Sara Hamilton; three stepgrandchildren, Rachel Williamson of Chicago, Ross Williamson of Watseka, and Carrie Williamson of Carbondale; and three great-grandchildren, Peyton and Carson Hodak of Snowcamp, N.C., and Josephine Hodak of Kankakee. John is also survived by one brother and sister-in-law, George and Gladys Otto of Newton, Iowa; one sister and brother-in-law, Kay and Jim Vider of Panama City Beach, Fla.; and in-laws, Martha DeFily of Downers Grove and Art and Steph Yonke of Rock Island. Deceased are his parents and one son, Daniel. Upon his father's death in 1990, John assumed management of Hodak Motor Sales until the business was closed in 1997. An avid collector of vintage Studebakers, John enjoyed restoring and showing classic cars. He was a faithful usher at St.

Patrick's Catholic Church for many years. Upon his retirement, he and Marilyn enjoyed traveling in their motor home and cruising in their pontoon on the Kankakee River. John was a stalwart member of the Cardiac Rehab group of Provena St. Mary's Hospital, and the Kankakee Boat Club. He and Marilyn delivered meals to the homebound with the Meals on Wheels program. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, with a 3 p.m. wake service, at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Bishop McNamara High School, or to Provena St. Mary's Hospital Cardiac Rehab.

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“ Marilyn,

Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Bill & Cheryl Gerritson##imported-end##

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“ Marilyn

I am so sorry to hear about John. I½I know he is in a better place than we are now. I½I hope the Lord's peace will help you cope with the loss. I½We are not able to attend any of the services but understand you will be in our prayers all weekend. I½Please share my condolences with all the family. I½

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“ Kay,

I want to say that I am sorry for your loss. ĩ½Your family sounds like a wonderful bunch, and I know your brother was very dear to every heart. ĩ½Love and prayers to you and your family.

Jan Evett###imported-begin##Jan Evett###imported-end##

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“ We are so very sorry we could not be there in person to extend our sympathy to you and your family. ĩ½I can still remember Doug and Patrick in school together and working with you both and Mark at the St. Pats family picnic days and celebrations. ĩ½You were wonderful examples for us all who were new to the parish. The last time I say John, he was waiting to get a hair cut and I had not seen him in a very long time, since we had moved out to Bonfield, and he still was very open and friendly. ĩ½He will be missed by many I am sure. ĩ½You are in our prayers. John and Cindy Cahill###imported-begin##John and Cindy Cahill###imported-end##

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“ To the Hodak family-especially Marilyn & boys...

It was purely by divine intervention that I ran across John's obituary today, as I have lost many of my Kankakee ties.

I hope you remember our family: ½Bill and Lori Barnes and daughter, Timi.

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I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. ½I will forever remember John as a most patient, hard-working, loving, spiritual and family-oriented man. ½I know you will miss him terribly. ½My thoughts and prayers are with you now & as you continue your journey through life. ½Remember that love survives. ½Let the happy memories sustain you.

With great sadness and sincerity,

Lori

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