



## John "Hans" Okeli Jr.

July 28, 1933 - May 30, 2022

John "Hans" Okeli Jr., age 88, of Momence, passed away on Monday, May 30, 2022 at Watseka Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. He was born on July 28, 1933 in Solymar, Hungary, the son of Johann and Maria (Cservenyi) Okeli. He married Jean Latham on February 26, 1956 in Brazil, IN.

Hans came to the United States from Germany in 1952. He was an automotive mechanic and was the owner/operator of German Freight Lines Trucking Company. He also worked in farming and loved it. Hans enjoyed auto racing and motorcycles. He was a member of DANK, a group that celebrated German heritage.

Hans is survived by his wife, Jean Okeli of Bradley; one son and daughter-in-law, John P. and Rhonda Okeli of Mermon, IN; one daughter and son-in-law, Annelise and Rory LaMontagne of Kankakee; seven grandchildren, Mathew, Sarah, Nicholas, and Zachary Okeli and Lee, Todd, and Andrea LaMontagne; eight great-grandchildren; and one sister and brother-in-law, Rose and Ray Meredith of Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Elisabeth and John Mollner and Mary Morrison; and one brother, Matthew Okeli.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of the 11 a.m. memorial service on Monday, June 6, 2022 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to family wishes.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

J.

“*Leider ist der Kontakt nach Limbach abgebrochen und wir wussten lange nicht was passiert ist. Durch den Tod von Elisabeth aus Limbach (Baden) haben wir nach Hans gesucht und den Nachruf gefunden. Es war immer was besonderes wenn Hans die lange Reise in den Odenwald unternommen hat und zu Besuch war. Jetzt sind sie wieder zusammen.  
Unser Beileid....*

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**J.H** - January 06 at 11:34 AM

DH

“*Anne, I am so sorry to learn of your dad's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during your time of sorrow.*

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**Donna Howell-Denault** - June 29, 2022 at 03:32 PM

JG

“*I have known Hans since he had the dealership across from my Dad & Mom's place at Station & Washington. Hans was quite the character when he would come to see me for truck parts. He always wanted his "senior" discount. I always enjoyed when he would tell me about his trips to Germany for the truck show and all the inovations they had on their trucks. I had wondered the worst when I hadn't seen Hans for a long while and now I know for sure. My sympathies go out to Jean, John & Anne and their families. Hans is running his truck in the sky. RIP*

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**Jim Goodrich** - June 08, 2022 at 10:01 AM

RL

“ I met Hans in 1970 and bought a Beetle from him when I had just returned from the Army in Germany. Hans was always fun to talk with about Germany, VW's, farming, or just talking.

*Rest in Peace my friend Hans.*

*Ron Lukow, Chebanse, IL*

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**Ron Lukow** - June 08, 2022 at 06:21 AM

DC

“ My condolences to Jean and family on Hans's passing. It's been a while, but I always enjoyed our conversations and shared time.

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**Don Clark** - June 07, 2022 at 04:57 PM