



John C. Wells

December 21, 1921 - March 13, 2011

Visitation for John C. Wells, 89, of Kankakee, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, where funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday. The Rev. Craig Crombar will officiate.

Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice. Mr. Wells died Sunday (March 13, 2011) at Riverside Medical Center.

Mr. Wells worked at Roper Corp., Bradley Division, setting up machinery for 42 years. He was born Dec. 21, 1921, in Momence, the son of Merrit and Lorraine Jensen Wells. His wife, the former Gertrude Hardesty, whom he married Feb. 18, 1943, in Louten, Okla., died June 9, 1999. He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945 and was a member of the Kankakee American Legion Post 85 and the Kankakee VFW Post 2857. He received one service stripe, five overseas service bars, the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Battle Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Battle Star and the World War II Victory Medal. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting and watching the Cubs.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Lyle and Sandra Wells, of Kankakee; three daughters, Barbara Kusman, of Sheldon, Beverly Austin, of

Bourbonnais, and Karen Wells, of Bradley; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; one sister, Grace Lloyd, of Georgia; one brother and three sisters-in-law, Lloyd and Sid Wells, of Essex, Betty Lippold, of Manteno, and Delores Wells, of Danville; one brother-in-law, Bobby Hardesty, of Kankakee; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son-in-law, Roy Austin; five brothers, Everett, Ray, Roy, Dale and Larry; and five sisters, Florence, Jesse, Faye, Fern and Helen.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

MAR 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

FW

“ We were so sorry to hear about Mr. Wells. We have yet to have neighbors as wonderful as he and Mrs. Wells. We will miss exchanging Christmas cards with him as we still hold him very close to our hearts. However, we know that there was a very happy black lab that was bouncing along the fence waiting for him to walk through the gates of Heaven.



Frank and Jamie Wiley - March 26, 2011 at 11:37 PM

TG

“ Sorry to hear about John, Gertrude was my mother (Alice Hardesty) cousin. I often talked with Gertrude and her sisters, alot with Mary Wells and John about Family history at the Hardesty reunions in Limestone. He will be missed. Tommy Giusto

Tommy Lee Giusto - March 17, 2011 at 03:57 AM

DB

“ Goodbye Uncle John. Dad is going to miss you. I remember you standing under our willow trees throwing coins on the ground so Michael would find them. I am going to miss you and will be sad not seeing you at Carlo's next time I come to IL. I hope peace finds you now. All my love, Debbie Wells Belor

Debra Belor - March 16, 2011 at 07:24 PM

CW

“ I met John at the family reunion in Aroma Park years ago. He, his sister Faye and I have kept in contact over the years, and even after his sister Faye passed on. I will miss him.

Carolyn Wells

Carolyn L. Wells - March 16, 2011 at 09:49 AM

CW

“ Carolyn L. Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of John C. Wells



Carolyn L. Wells - March 16, 2011 at 09:45 AM

CW

“ Carolyn L. Wells lit a candle in memory of John C. Wells



Carolyn L. Wells - March 16, 2011 at 09:44 AM

JP

“ 1 file added to the album *Through the years . . .*



Jennifer Phillips - March 16, 2011 at 07:09 AM

LH

Barb, we are so sorry to hear about your Dad. You and your family have our sympathy. Ken and Linda Hrodey

Linda Hrodey7 - March 17, 2011 at 01:46 PM

JP

“ 2 files added to the album *Through the years . . .*



Jenn Phillips - March 16, 2011 at 07:08 AM

DM

“ *I always remember Uncle Johnny as being a kind gentle man. I remember him taking pride in his family - vegetable gardens - and having a good time. He will be missed by many. Johnny's family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

darin - jennifer - megan - trent morse

Darin L Morse - March 16, 2011 at 05:49 AM

JP

“ 15 files added to the album *Through the years . . .*



Jennifer Phillips - March 15, 2011 at 05:01 PM