



Reuben M. Riegel

September 11, 1932 - March 6, 2022

Reuben M. Riegel, age 89, of Bonfield, Illinois passed away on Sunday, March 6, 2022, at Miller Rehabilitation Center in Kankakee. He was born September 11, 1932, the son of Elmer and Olive (Buente) Riegel. Reuben married Dorothy Wood on March 9, 1957, at the Bonfield United Brethren Church.

Reuben was a graduate of Reddick High School in 1950 and a retired farmer. He was drafted into the Army on November 18, 1953, and honorably discharged on November 3, 1955. He proudly served his country in Camp Kobe, Japan.

Reuben was active in his church and held positions in the Bonfield Evangelical United Methodist Church as financial secretary, Ad board member, trustee, and usher. He joined the Kankakee County Farm Bureau in December of 1955 and was a member of the organization for over 65 years. He represented Salina Township on the Kankakee County Farm Bureau Board from 1975 to 1991. Reuben was Vice President from 1981 to 1983 and President from 1983 until 1991. He was also a member of the Kankakee County Extension.

He enjoyed woodworking, reading and spending time with his family. Surviving are his wife of nearly 65 years, Dorothy Riegel of Bonfield; one son, James Riegel & special friend Pam Mack of Mt. Prospect, Illinois; two daughters, Marcia (Claude) Jackson of Florissant, Missouri, and Linda Riegel of Normal, Illinois; three grandchildren, Patrick Lindley (Jacque Goodwin),

Nathan Lindley, and Amber (Josh) Piercy; three great-grandchildren, Kylee, Emilee, and Brett; two sisters-in-law, Joyce Riegel and Maggie Wilson; and several nephews and nieces.

Reuben was preceded in death by his parents, his aunt, Henrietta Buente who helped raise the children after their mother died in 1936; three brothers, Rollin, Arland and Paul Riegel and two sisters, Carolyn Riegel and Elaine Frenzke.

Visitation will be held Friday, March 11th from 4 pm until 7 pm at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home at 1480 W Court St, Kankakee, IL. On Saturday, March 12th visitation will start at 10 am at Bonfield Evangelical United Methodist Church at 348 E Smith St, Bonfield, IL followed by the funeral service beginning at 11 am. Interment will be at the Maple Grove Cemetery in Bonfield, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bonfield Evangelical United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Maple Grove Cemetery

Bonfield, IL 60913

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

MAR 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bonfield Evangelical United Methodist Church
348 E. Smith
Bonfield, IL

Funeral Service

MAR 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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348 E. Smith
Bonfield, IL

Tribute Wall

TS

“ Thinking of you...sending prayers and condolences from the family of Vicky (Riegel) Hedlin

Tammy Scering - March 10, 2022 at 04:34 PM

TP

“ Dorothy and family, what a great friend and neighbor Reuben was. Our thoughts go to all of you. May happier days be a comfort to all. Sincerely, Tari & Brent Parker

Teresa Parker - March 10, 2022 at 09:56 AM

DF

“ Uncle Reuben was always wonderful to us, he was always kind and cheerful and could always make us laugh. Mom always looked forward to his visits and phone calls, it always made her smile. I got to spend time with the whole family in the summers and it was a great time. Reuben and Dorothy were always there when you needed them. He will be missed so much by everyone who ever got to meet him. He now gets to be safe with his brothers and sisters. We love you Uncle Reuben. Diana and Marie Frenzke

Diana Frenzke - March 09, 2022 at 04:15 PM

JP

Reuben was a sweet guy, I would face time him from my cell phone, just so he could see his beautiful wife Dorothy. I was her helper and still her friend, I'm gonna miss Reuben, your in good hand with GOD now RIP Reuben I LOVE U Dorothy❤️

Joy Parker - March 12, 2022 at 11:10 AM

VD

“ Vern & Carolynn Dumas lit a candle in memory of Reuben M. Riegel



Vern & Carolynn Dumas - March 09, 2022 at 08:10 AM

DD

“ Dorothy:
I have such good memories of you and Rueben. God bless and comfort you in your loss.

With love,
Doris Dippel

Doris Dippel - March 08, 2022 at 05:51 PM

RM

“ Dorothy and family,
Rueben is now at rest. No more pain. May God be with all of you in the days ahead. Rueben had a wonderful full life that we will always remember. Such a wonderful person and great cousin to us and all our siblings!! God bless all of you, hugs and prayers,
Rick and Marla Coy



Rick Marla - March 08, 2022 at 12:04 PM

MW

“ Reuben has always been a wonderful brother-in-law to me. It is sad that he had to suffer so much. He will be missed by all who knew him & loved him. Love, Maggie & Bob

Maggie Wilson - March 08, 2022 at 10:40 AM