



Walter Luehrs

October 13, 1923 - March 13, 2009

Walter F. Luehrs Jr., 85, of Bradley, died Friday (March 13, 2009) at his home. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bradley. Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to Bishop McNamara Catholic High School, St. Joseph Grade School or to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. Mr. Luehrs was a mechanical engineer for General Foods Corporation, retiring after 35 years of service. He was born Oct. 13, 1923, in Wilmington, the son of Walter F. Sr. and Josephine Bissell Luehrs. He was a graduate of Joliet Catholic High School and received his Bachelor of Science degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology and his professional engineering degree from Governors State University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during World War II. He was a volunteer instructor for GED; and a Food Pantry coordinator. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, where he was a lector and Eucharistic minister. He was a life member of the Knights of Columbus, where he was a 4th Degree; and a member of the Kankakee American Legion Post 85, the Moose Lodge, and the Society of Professional Engineers. He enjoyed golfing, fishing and playing cards. Surviving are his wife, the love of his life and best friend, the former Margaret Flynn, of Bradley, whom he married June 13, 1946, in Chicago; three sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Heather Luehrs of Denver, Colo., Joseph and Nancy Luehrs of Crystal Lake, Stephen and Jeanette Luehrs of Bradley; nine daughters and four sons-in-law,

Maureen Kenney of Cleveland, Ohio, Caroline and David Toofan of Barrington, Patricia Luehrs of San Gabriel, Calif., Susan and Eugene Koos of El Paso, Lynn Luehrs and Arlan Bertrand of Clifton, Mary and Martin Masel of Deerfield, Jyll and Michael Boudreau of Bourbonnais, Joan Luehrs of Berkley, Mich., Jean Luehrs of Kankakee; 21 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; three sisters, Ruth Sreboth of California, Mary Hayes of Arizona, Leanne Abate of Joliet; and one brother, Martin Luehrs of Winona, Minn. Deceased are his parents; one son, Jeffrey Michael; one son-in-law, John F. Kenney; and one grandchild. His life's devotion was to God, his family and service to others. His family remembers his joy of fishing that he passed on to his children and grandchildren, his golf games with his sons and sons-in-law and his passion for being an educator. He set an example by the devout and courageous way he lived his life. He will be missed by his devoted wife and family.

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“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this time. I am so sorry for your loss. Love, Jennifer Yarbrough*

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“ *i was impressed by all his good works noted in his obituary. I am sorry for the loss of your husband, father, grandfather and friend. sue and family i will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. love, geralyn carducci*

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“ Dear Luehrs Family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. Mr. Luehrs was a great example to everyone who came in contact with him. ĩ½He believed strongly in Catholic education and was very generous. His example of Faith, Family and Friends, his prayer life and his devotion to his God is inspirational.

My favorite memory is going to school with Steve and Mary, and singing for a wedding anniversary Mass in their home.

It was an honor to be a part of his last big birthday party you threw him. ĩ½I am glad I can sing for him one last time.

Blessings,

Pat###imported-begin##Deacon Pat Skelly###imported-end##

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“ While we are in Florida we read the obituaries on line and were so surprised to see Walt's name. ĩ½We are so sorry to hear about his death. ĩ½Our thoughts & prayers are with your family.###imported-begin##Regina LaFontaine###imported-end##

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“ We have lived next door to the Luehrs for only about 2.5 years. ĩ½Mr. Luehrs was always so pleasant to us every time we saw him. ĩ½We will certainly miss chatting with him on his walks over to St. Joes.###imported-begin##The MacQueens###imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Walter's passing. He was a wonderful tutor in KCC's ALIVE program and I thank him for many years of faithful service.##imported-begin##Joanne Schnell##imported-end##

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“ So sorry I was not able to attend the wake, but know your family is in my thoughts & prayers.

God Bless,

Marcella Johnston & family##imported-begin##Marcella Johnston##imported-end##

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“ My prayers are with you and your family.

Michelle Pruitt##imported-begin##Michelle Pruitt##imported-end##

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“ My mother had told me that Walt had passed away. i; ½

I will always fondly remember him...his humor and wit... and taking a van load of kids up to a White Sox game. He always teased me about being a Cubs fan

Please know that you are in my prayers

Karen

##imported-begin##Karen (Regnier) Kern##imported-end##

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“ We send our deepest sympathy to the Luehrs Family, to those that Walt left behind. His journey here on earth has ended but will never be forgotten by his family or the community. Such a prayerful man... Those of us here at St. Joseph will miss him, knowing he will no longer be making his daily visits to St. Joe's but he will still be making his daily visits with the Lord only now in Heaven. What a faithful friend Walt was to so many. The Lord will heal your open wounds with time but you will never forget the love that Walt gave to all of you while he was with you here on earth. His love will be with you always. Sincerely, Deacon Andy and Carol

Deacon Andy & Carol Berg

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Dear Peggy, sympathy are with you and your family at this time. Walt was such a generous and spiritual man. It is a privilege to have known him. May God grant him eternal peace and may He grant each of you a happiness Walt is now enjoying. Prayers,

Barbara

Sister Joan Barb Fenton, O.P.

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“ Our family had the wonderful experience of meeting Walter and his Family. It was 1978 when our family encountered a life altering experience. Our Father died at the age of 31 with nine children at home. At that time our Mother decided to put her sons and daughters in a private school (St. Joseph). Turns out this was the one of the best decisions my Mother ever made. It is at St. Joseph School that we had the wonderful chance to meet some of the best people anyone would love to meet. One of those Families was the Luehrs. Walter and his Family was so inspirational to me and my Brothers and Sisters. I believe if it wasn't for Him and his Family most of us wouldn't of became the wonderful individuals we are today. We owe so much Thanks and Gratitude for what He and his Family did for us. It was He who brought me for my first Sox game. It was he who brought me fishing and it was He and his Family who brought us horse back riding. He and His Family taught us so much and I have never properly Thanked Him and His Family for their kindness and inspiration. The love and generosity from that home was so appreciative from all of us. My deepest sympathy for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the Family. I have trouble putting into words how saddened we are with your loss.

Our Thoughts and Prayers are With You,

John Sommer and Family###imported-begin###John Sommer###imported-end###

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“ Mrs. Luehrs and the Luehrs Family;

it was my privilege to know and respect Walt Luehrs for a great many years. He was a close contact between contractor I worked for and Gen/ Foods in 1962 during the construction and startup of the Gainesburger facility. Later on, I accepted s maintenance job with General Foods and i½sometime later, was i½promoted to Maintenance supervisor (one of several). My contact with Walt continued thru the years until I resigned from Gen. Foods in late 1973. i½He was a good engineer, a great person whom I respected a lot and enjoyed a good working rapport with. Rest in peace, Walt; and The Luehrs Family has indeed suffered the tremendous loss of a good man, husband and father and much more. i½I offer my deepest sympathy to the family.

John Ward###imported-begin###John Ward###imported-end###

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“ To Joe, Nancy, and All Family Members,

Please accept our love and prayers at this difficult time. i½From the carefully written obituary, your readers take away a sense of pride, leadership, and love for Walter and his impact on your lives. i½May God bless you with the strength and courage needed to face all that lies ahead in closing his earthly life. i½###imported-begin###Judith and Ray Paul Rooney###imported-end###

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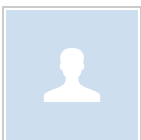
“ *Mr. Luehrs has been our good neighbor and landlord for 16 years. We have always felt a great respect, affection, and admiration for the care he has shown to us in every way. Whenever we needed anything, we had only to ask. He and Peggy have raised a most beautiful and caring family. One of my favorite things was seeing Walt and Peggy, arm in arm, walking to the church, or Walt himself strolling home after a visit with Our Lord. He was a man of great faith who lived the way God told us to live. We personally experienced his generosity, friendliness, and respect for others. How fortunate his children and grandchildren are to have had him as their dad and grandpa. I listened to his voice many times singing to his grandchildren as they played together in the yard. We will miss you, our good neighbor! We are absolutely certain that at this very moment, you are with the God you so loved!* *###imported-begin###The Rusk Family###imported-end###*

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“ *Mr. Luehrs was an incredible supporter of Catholic education. He could often be seen at various school-church events, including school Masses. He will be missed by the entire St. Joseph community who knew him so well, and his impact will be forever remembered.* *###imported-begin###St. Joseph School###imported-end###*

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“ *Patty and all the Luehrs family, deepest condolences on the loss of your father.* *###imported-begin###denise marcotte###imported-end###*

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