



Wayne G. DeYoung

December 22, 1933 - January 8, 2025

Wayne G. DeYoung passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. He was born on December 22, 1933 in Wichert, the son of Peter & Gladys (Sirois) DeYoung.

Wayne grew up working on the family farm in Wichert, where his parents grew Gladiolus. He enjoyed fishing the Kankakee River with his father and brother, which gave him his lifelong love of nature and the outdoors.

After graduating from St. Anne High School, Wayne attended Purdue University and majored in Pharmacology & Sciences.

With the onset of the Korean War, he enlisted in the United States Navy. He attended Naval flight training school in Norman, OK and finished top 10 in his class. He became a member of the Naval Air Corps. He served proudly for 4 years.

Upon returning home from the service, he returned to the family farm and, along with his brother, Keith, they opened Pinewood Hunting Club in 1975, which was in operation until 2014. Wayne loved the outdoors and nature. He traveled to Argentina, Alaska, Mexico, and many other places on many hunting and fishing trips. He would always say that the outdoors was the greatest church.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Gina (Rennewanz) DeYoung; his children, Terry (Margaret) DeYoung of Lowell, IN, Daniel (Kim) DeYoung of St. Anne, David (Stephanie) DeYoung of Grand Rivers, KY, and Sherri (Dominik) Gregorczyk of Chicago; his grandchildren, Jacob, Dylan DeYoung, Jessica

(Josh) DeYoung, Danielle (Bailey) DeYoung, Lydia (Cesar) Salgado of FL, Kyle DeYoung of St. Anne, Samantha (Michael) Wray of TX , Katie Hughes of TN, Aaron DeYoung of KY, and Henryk (Simone) Gregorczyk of Chicago; eight great-grandchildren; and many more lifetime friends. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Keith DeYoung; sister and brother-in-law, Lynne & Glenn Houk; nephews, Eric DeYoung and Alec DeYoung; and dear friends, Pete Poggi, Laurel Dean Anderson, Kenny Miedema, and Elwood Miedema.

Visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A graveside service will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Wichert.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Samaritans Purse, Uplifted Care, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

9254-9282 East 4000 South Road
St. Anne, IL 60964

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
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Tribute Wall

KL

“ *KennyandKathy Luedtke lit a candle in memory of Wayne G. DeYoung*



KennyandKathy Luedtke - January 20, 2025 at 11:28 PM

MB

“ *Mary Blum lit a candle in memory of Wayne G. DeYoung*



Mary Blum - January 14, 2025 at 11:01 AM

SP

“ *Scott Pearson lit a candle in memory of Wayne G. DeYoung*



Scott Pearson - January 13, 2025 at 11:35 PM

JP

“ *Janet P. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne G. DeYoung.*

Janet P. - January 13, 2025 at 08:15 PM

MP

“ Wayne was one of the most nicest unselfish people have ever met. Since I was a young boy when is inspired me and taught me many outdoor experiences that I will never forget. His friendship with my father Peter poggi was a very strong bond for many many years. Wayne did so many things for me and taught me hunting techniques and safety that I will be teaching my two boys as they get older. I will miss him dearly.

MICHAEL POGGI - January 12, 2025 at 01:18 PM

JK

“ I will always remember the great times I had at Pinewood, Wayne and Gina always made me feel at home. Wayne will be missed but the memories will be forever.

JOHN KAHLER - January 10, 2025 at 06:44 PM

GM

“ Sending our sincere condolences for your loss. Gary & Becky

Gary Matthys - January 10, 2025 at 04:20 PM

BH

“ Some of my best memories are of the times we spent with Wayne and Gina and Ak's gang at Pinewood. What a great group and what great times. Wayne was a true friend and gentleman. He will be missed but not forgotten. Brent

Brent Harting - January 10, 2025 at 02:19 PM

GH

“ *Sending our deepest sympathy and caring wishes to Gina and her family.* ”



Gary Ray Sally Hood - January 10, 2025 at 08:13 AM

KS

He will forever know the hearts and memories he touched as a good friend and fello sportsman. I am forever great full to have shared time both at Pinewood and other adventures with Wayne and Gina. May God bless him and all the family, our love Kevin & Margie

Kevin & Margie Stratton - January 10, 2025 at 08:52 PM