



Wayne F. O'Connor

May 20, 1933 - November 30, 2011

Wayne F. O'Connor, 78, of Kankakee, died Wednesday (Nov. 30, 2011) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee, following a sudden illness. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon Saturday at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, Kankakee. The Rev. Mario Quejadas will officiate.

Burial will be in St. James the Apostle Catholic Cemetery, Irwin. Memorials may be made to Provena St. Mary's Hospital or to St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church.

Mr. O'Connor was a farmer and formerly owned and operated O'C Micro Systems. He also ran O'Connor Country Kennels for 15 years. He was born May 20, 1933, in Kankakee, the son of Walter "Bud" and Marie Besse O'Connor. He was a four-sport letterman at Herscher High School, graduating in 1951. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1954-1956 in Korea. He was an active member of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, where he served as a Eucharistic minister, CCD teacher, and was formerly a lector. He was also an administrative committee member for the church. He was past president of the Limestone Little League, past president of the Limestone PTA, and past member of the Toastmasters. He was a volunteer at Provena St. Mary's Hospital. He was an officer on the Farm Bureau Board and on the University of Illinois Extension Board. He was a perfectionist and could fix just

about anything.

Surviving are his wife, the former Dolores Spangler, of Kankakee, whom he married Aug. 18, 1956, at St. James the Apostle Catholic Church, Irwin; three sons and daughters-in-law, Shawn and Sue O'Connor, of Limestone, Kevin and Deb O'Connor, of Groveland, and Brandon and Kari O'Connor, of Machesney Park; four daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Michael Butz, of Naperville, Kathleen and Larry Rieke, of Zionsville, Ind., Bridget and Stephen Berggren, of Chebanse, and Barbara and Tom Souligne, of Limestone; 20 grandchildren, Kory and Ben O'Connor, Amy and Lucas Butz, Rebecca (Ben) Royal, Sarah (Peter) Schlifke, Tyler and Connor Rieke, Samantha and Nathan O'Connor, Kaylee (Kyle) Gray, Kelsey and Kenzie Berggren, Tony, Jake, Angel, Nicholas and Sabrina Souligne, and Elizabeth and Matthew O'Connor; one great-grandson, William Schlifke; two stepgrandchildren, Dennis (Nikki) Memenga, and Adam Memenga; three stepgreat-grandchildren, Gabi, Kaylee and Brayden Memenga; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, JoAnn Muenstermann, of North Muskegon, Mich., Janice and Bob Montague, of Auburndale, Fla., and Mary Ellen and Michael Hogan, of Vermont; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother, Joseph.

Memorials may be made to Provena St. Mary's Hospital - www.provena.org/stmarys/org

St.Martin of Tours Catholic Church - www.stmartinkankakee.com/

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery

W. 5000 S. Road
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-4172

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

DEC 3. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church
953 S. 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-7177

Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Just thinking of you Daddy, Bears didn't do so good today, missed you not watching the game with us. Love you!* ”

Bridget Berggren - December 11, 2011 at 06:59 PM

BB

“ *Bridget Berggren lit a candle in memory of Wayne F. O'Connor* ”



Bridget Berggren - December 11, 2011 at 06:57 PM

JM

“ *Janice (O'Connor) Montague lit a candle in memory of Wayne F. O'Connor* ”



Janice (O'Connor) Montague - December 09, 2011 at 11:01 AM

JM

Wayne was my only brother and the dearest one a sister could have. I've admired him all my life. I'm thankful I told him often how special he was to me. Mom & Dad's first born in this life is the first one born again to them in heaven. What an awesome reunion. Can't imagine not having him in my life. My love to Dodie and all his wonderful family.

Janice (O'Connor) Montague - December 09, 2011 at 11:07 AM

RR

“ *Rebecca Royal lit a candle in memory of Wayne F. O'Connor*



Rebecca Royal - December 05, 2011 at 08:31 PM

SG

“ *Stephanie Graham lit a candle in memory of Wayne F. O'Connor*



Stephanie Graham - December 05, 2011 at 08:29 PM

BS

“ *I will miss you daddy. Rest in peace.*



Barb Souigne - December 04, 2011 at 05:24 PM

 Sheryl Olsen

“ *Sheryl Olsen lit a candle in memory of Wayne F. O'Connor*



Sheryl Olsen - December 03, 2011 at 10:29 PM

JS

“ Love and prayers go out to the O'Connor family. Will always have fond memories of Wayne. May peace be with you all.

Joni (Wendling) Steinkamp - December 03, 2011 at 07:52 AM

KB

“ Grandpa was the kindest man I have ever known, and most likely ever will. He's also been so honest and so hardworking. He's always fair and very family oriented. I'm so glad we'll always share this day. I love you Grandpa.

Kenzie Berggren - December 02, 2011 at 10:04 PM

KB

“ Kenzie Berggren lit a candle in memory of Wayne F. O'Connor



Kenzie Berggren - December 02, 2011 at 10:03 PM

MH

“ Uncle Wayne is a kind and sincere man and will be missed deeply by many. My heart goes out to the O'Connor family!



Marie Herremans - December 02, 2011 at 09:43 PM

RB


“ *Our sincere condolences to the O'Connor family. Wayne & I entered the army on the same day and both of us were in Korea.*
Bob & Alicia Bott

Robert Bott - December 02, 2011 at 05:54 PM

NA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to the O'Connor family.*


Nick/Shirley Africano - December 02, 2011 at 04:04 PM

 KelseyLyn Berggren

“ *Papa is one of the most amazing people I have had the pleasure be with. We have endless memories of helping out around the farm and the countless get-togethers our family has had over the years. Things will never be the same, but we all know he'll always be watching over us.*



KelseyLynn Berggren - December 02, 2011 at 10:44 AM

 Susan O'Connor

“ *Susan O'Connor lit a candle in memory of Wayne F. O'Connor*



Susan O'Connor - December 02, 2011 at 10:16 AM

TH

“ *Uncle Wayne for a such a giving man, he lived for his family.* ”



Toni Hassett - December 02, 2011 at 09:25 AM

BB

“ *Everyone that knew Daddy has been touched by an Angel. Miss you so much.* ”

Bridget O'Connor Berggren - December 02, 2011 at 09:09 AM

RS

“ *My condolences to the O'Connor family.* ”



Rosanne Schmitz - December 02, 2011 at 09:06 AM

BB

“ *Bridget O'Connor Berggren lit a candle in memory of Wayne F. O'Connor* ”



Bridget O'Connor Berggren - December 02, 2011 at 09:04 AM

TH

“ Tina Hauptman lit a candle in memory of Wayne F. O'Connor



Tina Hauptman - December 02, 2011 at 09:04 AM

Shawn OConnor

“ Shawn OConnor lit a candle in memory of Wayne F. O'Connor



Shawn OConnor - December 02, 2011 at 08:37 AM

CB

“ Wayne was my granddaughters wonderful father-in-law and my great grandchildren's "Grandpa Woof Woof". Most of all, we got to be good friends and he made me feel like part of his family too. Wayne and Delores was and still is a wonderful loving couple made for each other.



Carol Bokamp - December 02, 2011 at 07:47 AM

SM

“ Uncle Wayne was the finest role model that any family could ask for. Smart, patient, fair, with respect for everyone he met. Heaven just got a little brighter.



Scott Muenstermann - December 01, 2011 at 11:48 PM

C(

“ *My cousin was the best! He put up with a lot when I visited the family farm during summer vacations. He treated everyone with respect and will be missed by all that knew him. Dodie made Wayne very happy and they were a team, raised a great family. Love & prayers to all.*

Charlene Cota (Senesac)



Charlene Cota-Leatherman (Senesac) - December 01, 2011 at 09:18 PM

CO

“ *Carrie O'Connor lit a candle in memory of Wayne F. O'Connor*



Carrie O'Connor - December 01, 2011 at 09:11 PM

JB

“ *Jeanette Butz lit a candle in memory of Wayne F. O'Connor*



Jeanette Butz - December 01, 2011 at 08:59 PM

KN

“ *Kristine Neuby lit a candle in memory of Wayne F. O'Connor*



Kristine Neuby - December 01, 2011 at 07:43 PM

CW

“ Christopher Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Wayne F. O'Connor



Christopher Wilcox - December 01, 2011 at 07:27 PM

MN

“ Marianne Neuby lit a candle in memory of Wayne F. O'Connor



Marianne Neuby - December 01, 2011 at 07:12 PM

BM

“ Beth Montague lit a candle in memory of Wayne F. O'Connor



Beth Montague - December 01, 2011 at 06:49 PM

MJ

“ I krnw Wayne in 4-h He was a grait guy my ithought are with you Mel Jensen Bonita spring Fa

Melvin jensen - December 01, 2011 at 06:43 PM

BO

“ *Brandon O'Connor lit a candle in memory of Wayne F. O'Connor*



Brandon O'Connor - December 01, 2011 at 06:19 PM

Mary
Kay
Pittman

“ *Mary Kay Pittman lit a candle in memory of Wayne F. O'Connor*



Mary Kay Pittman - December 01, 2011 at 04:52 PM

Mary
Kay
Pittman

My Uncle Wayne was an awesome man. Very kind and caring man. He will be greatly missed.

Mary Kay Pittman - December 01, 2011 at 04:54 PM

CA

“ *Cheryl (Souligne) Alessandri lit a candle in memory of Wayne F. O'Connor*



Cheryl (Souligne) Alessandri - December 01, 2011 at 03:20 PM

CA

“ Our hearts go out to our extended family, the O'Connor's, Wayne was always pleasant every time that we had the chance to visit at family gatherings at Tom and Barbs House. We will miss him and hope that time truly does heal the hurt that your hearts must be filled with at this time.

God bless

Cheryl and Mark Alessandri

Cheryl (Souline) Alessandri - December 01, 2011 at 03:18 PM