



Donald "Ski" Watchinski

October 2, 1930 - October 9, 2012

Donald F. Watchinski

"Ski"

Age 82, of Essex, IL, passed away peacefully Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at his home surrounded by his family. Born October 2, 1930 in Bloomington, IL to the late Walter and Bessie (nee Dornemann) Watchinski. Ski retired from the Reed-Custer School District in 1995. Veteran of the United States Army, having served during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the VFW Post #5422, American Legion Post #0191, and the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge #208, all in Wilmington, and a former member of the Essex Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed spending time at the Fireman's Club in Essex and watching the Chicago Cubs and Bears play. Surviving are his wife, Mary (nee Kirchner), whom he married May 5, 1957 in Morris, IL; two daughters, Veronica (David) Sorensen of Essex and Donna (Don) Telford of Dwight; five grandchildren, Kenneth (Erin) Sorensen, Brandi Sorensen, Kirk Telford, Jeremy (Dawn) Telford, and Justin Telford; two great-grandchildren, Andie Mathy and Kaylee Mathy; one sister, June (Roger) Moss of Decatur, AL; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were two sisters, Eloise Anderson and Lorraine Byerly; and four brothers, Walter Watchinski, Jr., Lawrence Watchinski, Charles Watchinski, and Richard Watchinski in infancy. Funeral services will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., Braidwood Chapel, Saturday, October 13, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Interment with

military honors in North Cemetery in Essex, IL. The pallbearers will be Glenn Kirchner, Ken Sorensen, Kirk Telford, Jim Lenzie, Larry Kirchner, and Greg Byerly. The visitation will be Friday, October 12, from 4-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Essex Volunteer Fire Department.

Cemetery Details

North Cemetery

Co Hwy 41 at Co Rd N 475 W
Essex, IL 60935

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home
401 East Main St.
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Service

OCT **13**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ So sorry for your loss Mary! Thinking of you!

Darci R. Basham-Duran - October 25, 2012 at 11:13 PM

DT

“ Donna Telford lit a candle in memory of Donald "Ski" Watchinski



Donna Telford - October 13, 2012 at 01:47 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Donald "Ski" Watchinski Video Tribute



Sara Foote - October 12, 2012 at 02:43 PM

MW

“ Mary Ann Watchinski lit a candle in memory of Donald "Ski" Watchinski



Mary Ann Watchinski - October 12, 2012 at 01:46 PM

DW

“ In loving memory of Uncle Donny. My thoughts and prayer are with Mary Ann, Ronnie, Donna and the rest of the family. Uncle Donny was always fun and cared about everyone in the family. We'll miss him here, but heaven has one more bright shining star tonight. With love from Diane and Rita in Florida.



Diane Watchinski - October 11, 2012 at 02:29 PM

CE

“ He was the sweetest man. He was mine & my brothers Bus Driver & Custodian for many years at Reddick. We loved seeing him around & he always had a smile & kind word for everyone. Thoughts & prayers are with his family.

Christina Christensen Eddington - October 11, 2012 at 11:23 AM

CE

“ Christina Christensen Eddington lit a candle in memory of Donald "Ski" Watchinski



Christina Christensen Eddington - October 11, 2012 at 11:20 AM

ES

“ Erin And Ken Sorensen lit a candle in memory of Donald "Ski" Watchinski



Erin and Ken Sorensen - October 10, 2012 at 07:50 PM

KM

“ *Kaylee Mathy lit a candle in memory of Donald "Ski" Watchinski*



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AM

“ *Andie Mathy lit a candle in memory of Donald "Ski" Watchinski*



Andie Mathy - October 10, 2012 at 07:49 PM

KS

“ *Ken And Erin Sorensen lit a candle in memory of Donald "Ski" Watchinski*



Ken and Erin Sorensen - October 10, 2012 at 07:48 PM

DR

“ *Dixie Renner lit a candle in memory of Donald "Ski" Watchinski*



Dixie Renner - October 10, 2012 at 06:49 PM

DR

“ Dawn Reed lit a candle in memory of Donald
"Ski" Watchinski



Dawn Reed - October 10, 2012 at 06:48 PM