



Donald Joseph Wirth Sr.

August 20, 1921 - March 11, 2015

Age 93, of Braidwood, IL took his final flight on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 to join his “Lil Honey”, Helen. Born August 20, 1921 in Joliet, IL to the late Herman and Josephine (nee Egan) Wirth.

Donald retired from the United States Air Force as Lieutenant Colonel after twenty years of service. He served during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He furthered his career and worked for the State of Illinois Employment Bureau for twenty-two years, retiring February 28, 1986. Member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Braidwood and American Legion Harwood Post #5 in Joliet. He was an avid gardener.

Surviving are his eight children, Donald (Davonna) Wirth, Jr. of Wilmington, IL, Stephen (Sarah) Wirth of Custer Park, IL, Linda (Walter) Fehst of Columbia Heights, MN, Catherine (the late Gerald) Fry of Joliet, IL, Sally Wirth of Wilmington, Mark (Herlinda) Wirth of Wilmington, Carol (Glen) Gould of Peoria, IL, and Richard (Patricia) Wirth of Bolingbrook, IL; twenty-four grandchildren; forty-two great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; brother, Robert “Red” (Betty) Wirth of Ritchie, IL; two sisters, Helen (the late Mario) Pozzi of Joliet and Marlene (the late Richard) Stubler of Joliet; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his beloved wife, Helen (nee Breen) Wirth, whom he married August 15, 1944 in Joliet; and brother, Herman “Jimmy” Wirth.

Friends and family will meet at the Immaculate Conception Church in Braidwood, Monday, March 16, 2015 for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Show Reddy Allam will officiate. Interment with military honors will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Visitation Sunday, March 15, 2015 from 2-6 p.m. at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, Braidwood Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Hospice of Kankakee Valley and Presence Heritage Village Nursing Home would be appreciated.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **15**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home
401 East Main St.
Braidwood, IL 60408
(815) 458-2336
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Service

MAR **16**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Church
110 South School Street
Braidwood, IL 60408

Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Joseph Wirth Sr..*



March 13, 2015 at 10:22 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald Joseph Wirth Sr..*



March 12, 2015 at 07:13 AM