



John William Austin

February 11, 1922 - February 8, 2016

John William Austin

Age 93, of Gardner, IL, passed away Monday, February 8, 2016 at his home. Born February 11, 1922 in Flanagan, IL to the late Joseph and Katie (nee Huls) Austin. John retired from Caterpillar, Inc. in Joliet, IL. Veteran of the United States Army Air Corp, having served overseas during WWII. Member and religious education teacher at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington, IL, member of the Knights of Columbus #1574 in Braidwood, IL, and 4th Degree member of St. Viator in Kankakee, IL. Past member of GSW School Board, Mount Olivet Cemetery Board, St. Lawrence Parish Credit Union, and Caterpillar Retirees Club. John bowled on several competitive bowling leagues and was the midnight guard at the Coal City Area Club until 2014. John enjoyed attending all of his grandchildren's sporting events.

Surviving are his wife, Delores (nee Muzzarelli), whom he married June 7, 1942 in Palmyra, MO; two daughters, Sharon (Rodney) Ford of Gardner and Jona (Jim) Berta of Sachse, TX; four grandchildren, Toni (Patrick) Schaner, Teri (Quniton Kevin) Ford, Austin (Isa) Berta, and Elyse Berta; four great grandchildren, Ryan Schaner, Kayle Schaner, Julia Kevin, and Jack Kevin; and nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were three brothers, Les (Dorothy) Austin, Ernest

(Alyce) Austin, and Ralph (Gladys) Austin; and one sister, Anne Januszewski.

Visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, South Wilmington Chapel, Wednesday, February 10, 2016, from 4-8 p.m.

Family and friends will meet at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington on Thursday February 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. for Mass of Christian Burial. Rev. Stanley Drewniak will officiate.

Interment will follow in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Braidwood, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Lawrence Catholic Church or the Braidwood Knights of Columbus.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory
2nd & Lemmon, South Wilmington 60474
815-458-2336

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery-Braidwood

Cemetery Road
Braidwood, IL 60408

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home-South Wilmington Chapel
175 S. Lemmon St.
South Wilmington, IL 60474
(815) 458-2336
rwpattersonfh@sbcglobal.net
<http://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

Service

FEB 11. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
165 Rice St.
South Wilmington, IL 60474
(815) 237-2230

Tribute Wall

AA

“ Dear Austin Family,

Please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of John. I have such fond memories of him and Delores visiting with my grandparents when I was growing up. He was such a nice, kind man with a beautiful smile. Praying for all of you during this difficult time. May faith uphold you and loving memories bring you comfort and help you to smile again soon.

Amy Atchison - February 12, 2016 at 04:59 PM

PA

“ Delores, Sharon, Jona and families,

I am so very sorry for your loss. John was always one of my favorite people. I always knew him since he and my dad were life long friends. He was always there to help or have fun with. I was so touched when he came out to NC when my dad passed. He was truly a special man. I'm sure he and my dad & mom are having a wonderful reunion in heaven. May your memories give you comfort. God bless you and give you peace.
Pam Atchison

Pam Atchison - February 11, 2016 at 10:52 PM

JB

“ JoAnn And Ron Barron lit a candle in memory of John William Austin



JoAnn and Ron Barron - February 10, 2016 at 05:27 PM

PB

“ I was trying to remember just how long I've been playing euchre with John. To the best I can figure out, it's been about 20 years. I first met him at the KC in Braidwood. He would later move that tournament to Diamond. He and Delores were also guests at many euchre potlucks at my home since 2006. They're both terrific people. I can honestly say I've never heard John say a mean or unkind word about anyone. He was always a first class gentleman with a million dollar smile and a great sense of humor. We will miss you dearly friend. RIP John and we'll see you on the other side. Deepest condolences to the family and many prayers will be with you in the coming weeks. So very sorry for your loss.
Peggie and Gary Boldt, Pontiac, IL



Peggie Boldt - February 08, 2016 at 07:06 PM

NF

This memorial describes my Uncle John to a T. He was such a fun filled man and always made me smile or laugh when were together. I will miss him so much, I wish we could have seen him one more time before God called him home. We'll have family reunions when we are all called Home and many laughs and lots of love. (from Nancy Austin Frederick, Marseilles)

Nancy Frederick - February 09, 2016 at 02:46 PM

SF

“ Shirley Farland lit a candle in memory of John William Austin



Shirley Farland - February 08, 2016 at 05:25 PM

SF

Will miss John's Smile.

Shirley Farland - February 08, 2016 at 05:26 PM

JB

Our Deepest Sympathy to Delores, Sharon, Jona and all the Austin family.

Jo Ann and Ron Barron - February 10, 2016 at 05:23 PM

OM

We were always happy to see John & Delores at the Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral. We noticed that in his picture he is wearing the flower that we give out to all the couples when they attend. Seeing them celebrating their 73rd anniversary at the mass last August was an inspiration to all those who attended. Our sympathy and prayers to the Austin family.

Jim & Pat at the Office of Family Ministry, Diocese of Joliet.

Office of Family Ministry - February 16, 2016 at 03:39 PM