



Michael "Plow" Joyce

July 11, 1927 - March 7, 2018

Michael H. Joyce

"Plow"

Age 90, of South Wilmington, IL, passed away Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at the Joliet Area Community Hospice Home in Joliet, IL. Born July 11, 1927 in South Wilmington, the son of Catherine C. (Finn) and Patrick H. Joyce. He attended Gardner High School. He married Elaine Menozzi on September 12, 1948 at St. Lawrence Church in South Wilmington. He was long time farmer and also worked in construction as a Laborer. Veteran of the United States Navy, serving from 1944-1946. Michael served as Greenfield Township Trustee, Precinct Committeemen, first President of South Wilmington Fire Board, director of Blue Cross Blue Shield, and director of Grundy County Farm Bureau. He was a member of the Laborers Union Local #75, St. Lawrence Catholic Church, South Wilmington VFW. Michael enjoyed reading, spending time with his family and grandchildren, working crosswords and talking politics.

Surviving are his wife, Elaine of 69 years, daughters, Cathy (Harry) Walton of Decatur, IL, Mary Jane Waggoner of South Wilmington, and Carol Massa of Wilmington, DE; sons, Richard (Cathy) Joyce of Coal City, IL and David (Brenda) Joyce of Normal, IL; grandchildren, Colin (Nicole) Kaestner, Dr. Andrea (Robert) Osborne, Olivia Massa, Courtney Joyce, and Evan Massa; great grandchildren, Erik and Liam Kaestner; and sisters, Rita Farina and

Theresa Phipps; and brother-in-law, John Orth of Washington State.

Preceding him in death were his parents; sisters, Mary, Helen and Catherine; and infant brother Patrick.

Visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Sunday, March 11, from 2-6 p.m.

Friends and family will meet at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington Monday, March 12, at 11:00 a.m. for Mass of Christian Burial.

Interment with military honors will be at a later date at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Memorials in his name may be directed to the South Wilmington Fire Department.

For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory
401 E. Main St., Braidwood, 815-458-2336
www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 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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<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

Service

MAR 12. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

NF

“ *Elaine & Family:*

*So sorry to hear about Plow, my thoughts and prayers are with you.
Deepest sympathy. God bless.*

Natalene (Cima) Ferrari

Natalene Ferrari - March 23, 2018 at 06:51 PM

JC

“ *So sorry to hear that Plow passed on to a better place. I remember when Plow and Elaine moved to the farm close to our farm. So young then. Prayers to your family and hugs. Jean (Crane) and Dave Crosman in Florida.*

Jean Crosman - March 10, 2018 at 09:00 AM

JO

“ *John Orth lit a candle in memory of Michael "Plow" Joyce*



John Orth - March 09, 2018 at 06:59 PM

JO

WE will all miss this remarkable man - the best brother-in-law anyone could have, a great American, and beloved and admired by family, friends, co-workers and neighbors.

John Orth - March 09, 2018 at 07:12 PM

JO

No one could have a finer brother-in-law than Michael Plow Joyce. He was a great American, a true friend, a generous and friendly man, an outstanding farmer, and a builder of nuclear plants

John Orth - March 09, 2018 at 08:11 PM

BC

Sorry to hear that Plow has passed on. I have many boyhood memories of him, when they lived just down the road. Elaine made the best cinnamon rolls, which made me visit often. Sorry I can't talk to Elaine in person, but we are in FL for another two weeks, and send our most sincere condolences.

Bob Crane - March 13, 2018 at 10:05 PM

HM

“ *Heidi Miller lit a candle in memory of Michael "Plow" Joyce*



Heidi Miller - March 09, 2018 at 02:02 PM

HM

My sympathies and love to Dick and his family at this time.

Heidi Miller - March 09, 2018 at 02:03 PM



“ 41 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - March 09, 2018 at 12:43 PM



“ *SUSAN GALE lit a candle in memory of Michael "Plow" Joyce*



SUSAN GALE - March 09, 2018 at 12:04 PM



Dick and Family, so sorry for your loss

SUSAN GALE - March 09, 2018 at 12:05 PM

CK

“ We always enjoyed our special visits with Uncle Plow. His life was full of love and meaning, may you find comfort in your memories as you plan this celebration of his life and begin to grieve. Much love Aunt Elaine and family.

- Ryan, Cheryl, Michael and Finn Keegan



Cheryl Keegan - March 09, 2018 at 12:04 PM