



Willie Love Jr.

May 13, 1940 - January 14, 2025

Willie Henry Love, Jr.

Age 84, of Braidwood, IL, formerly of Custer Park, IL, passed away on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, IL. Born May 13, 1940 in Kankakee, IL to the late Willie Henry and Rita Kathryn (nee Longtin) Love, Sr.

Willie married Carol Jennings on March 14, 1964 at the First Presbyterian Church in Braidwood, they recently celebrated their 60th Anniversary. Veteran of the United States Army, serving during 1963-1965. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Wilmington, member of the Braidwood Recreation Club, the Illinois Farm Bureau, and served on the local school board. Willie was a lifelong farmer who loved to golf, snow ski, and hunt. He also enjoyed watching sports, and spending time with his grandkids. Surviving are his wife, Carol Love of Braidwood; two daughters, Shawn (William) Gross of Lakewood Ranch, FL and Sara (Chuck) Anderson of Braidwood; five grandchildren, Morgan (John) Zoda, Mason Croft, Seth Gross, Connor (Chloe Smith) Anderson, and Carson Anderson; one great-grandson on the way; two sisters, Barbara (Ken) Newbrough of Custer Park and Phyllis (Neil) Harms of Custer Park; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents.

Visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory on Saturday, January 18, 2025 from 9-11 a.m. with funeral services at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow in Custer Twp Cemetery in Custer Park, IL. Memorials

may be directed to the National Kidney Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Custer Township Cemetery

Grant Street
Custer Park, IL 60481

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home
401 East Main St.
Braidwood, IL 60408
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Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

NF

“ Carol, Shawn, Sara, Phyliss, Barb and families-Bob and I were truly saddened to hear of Willie's untimely passing. We offer our sincerest condolences to all. Willie was a great man and we were lucky to have known him. I know that I will always be grateful for his help when Bob had his bypass surgery as he was so patient and helpful when it came to getting the combine set for me during harvest that fall, moving a semi or countless other neighborly acts. He will be missed. Sincerely, Nancy & Bob Fitzpatrick

Nancy Fitzpatrick - January 21, 2025 at 07:39 PM

CP

“ We are sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers. Christine and Chris Patterson



Christine Patterson - January 20, 2025 at 06:03 PM

DR

“ Shawn , we are out of the country; and just called home and heard of your father's passing . You have my deepest sympathies. Willie was a wonderful man. Thinking of the many times we would encounter each other on the golf course when we would hook or slice our shots into each other. A true gentleman and a great guy . My sympathies, My friend , Doug.

Douglas Rink - January 20, 2025 at 11:03 AM

LL

“ My deepest sympathies to the Love family!! One the finest men I have ever known!! Fond memories of him sharing his home when we were stationed at APG , Maryland back in 64!! Definitely one of America’s best!

Lucky Latham - January 18, 2025 at 02:40 PM

CH

“ Rest in peace.

Carrie H. - January 18, 2025 at 02:36 PM

BS

“ My memory goes back many, many years - to our high school years at Reed-Custer Twp High School. Willie was in my class and, though I moved from the area soon after, I remember him as a happy, friendly person. I remember Carol also. Condolences to her and his other family members. Bonnie Martin Simms

Bonnie Simms - January 18, 2025 at 10:55 AM

TL

“ Prayers and thoughts to Mrs. Love, Shawn, Sara, the Newbrough family, and the Harms family.

Todd Lockwood - January 17, 2025 at 06:36 PM

BW

“ Condolences to his family. May your fond memories give you peace now and in the days ahead. Barbara Weidner - Viano



Barbara Weidner-Viano - January 17, 2025 at 10:18 AM

BR

“ *Willie was a wonderful friend and neighbor. I will always remember the 4th of July picnics at the farm. Prayers and love for Carol and all his family.*

Betty Andersen, Denise and Renee - January 17, 2025 at 10:04 AM

DS

“ *Thoughts & Prayers to the Love family!*

Dean Shepherd - January 17, 2025 at 08:17 AM

RK

Thoughts and prayers to you all. Have many fond memories of carol and Willie

roberta Kilpatrick - January 17, 2025 at 11:46 AM