William G. Wackerlin

May 13, 1917 - June 18, 2013

William G. Wackerlin, 96, of Aurora, passed away Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at Presence Fox Knoll. He was born May 13, 1917 in Aurora, Illinois.

When Bill was 16 years old he worked one year in Melon, Wisconsin driving a log hauling truck for the W.P.A. He returned home and purchased his first dump truck. He soon purchased a second truck and put them both to work hauling for the W.P.A. in the Aurora area. Over the years he expanded his fleet to eight trucks. In 1947 Bill bought into Fox Valley Gravel Co. His partners were Walt Muller and Hine Leopard. In 1949 he sold out of the gravel business and went to work selling Ford cars and trucks at Aurora Motor Sales. He was the truck manager and won many awards for his salesmanship, including becoming a member of the Ford 500 Club. In 1953 Bill opened a used car lot on South Lake St. called Tru Value Motor Sales. Bill and his sons operated the business until 1972. Bill then took time off to study for his GED test and his Real Estate License. He went to work for Bob Crane Reality, and later worked for George Babos Reality until his retirement. Over the years Bill bought and sold several farms. He developed Wackerlin's first and second subdivisions in Yorkville, IL. Bill was a lifelong Aurora resident and a member of Annunciation Church, the parish council for Annunciation Church, and was a lifetime member of the Aurora Moose Lodge #400. Bill will be missed by his family and all the friends he made over his many years.

Survivors include three sons: Clifford (Patricia) Wackerlin of Yorkville, Franklin (Nancy) Wackerlin of St. Charles and William M. Wackerlin of Aurora; two stepsons, William (Lorraine) Draudt of Aurora and Wayne (Mary Ann) Draudt of Orland Park; eight grandchildren: Christine (Doug) Kiest of Sandwich, Vicky (Chuck) Oehler of Brodheadsville, PA, Scott (Krista) Wackerlin of Hampshire, Jeff Wackerlin of Concord, NC, Thomas Wackerlin of Chicago, Brock (Laura) Wackerlin of Stockton, Drew (Jen) Wackerlin of Metamora and Jamie (Dave) Hinkel of Sussex, WI; three step grandchildren: Donald (Amy) Draudt of Clarendon Hills, James Draudt of Orland Park and Jennifer (Brian) Scully of Chicago; nine great grandchildren: Ryan and Haley Kiest, Lucas, Logan, Ella, Avery and Brynn Wackerlin, and Carter and Avery Draudt; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 35 years, Pauline (Jakosh) Wackerlin; three sons, Jerome, George and James; his second wife of 33 years, Katherine Wackerlin; his daughter-in-law, Melissa Wackerlin; his parents, George and Marie (Zigg) Wackerlin; two brothers, Ralph and Ernest; four sisters: Norma Kristian, Georgianna Brown, Pearl Schoger and Delphine “Dottie” Thom; and his brother-in-law, Victor (Helen) Jakosh.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 22, 2013 from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY at 9:30 AM to Annunciation Church at 10:00 AM. Fr. Patrick Gillmeyer, O.S.B. will officiate with interment at St. Joseph Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday, June 21, 2013 from 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM, with the Rosary being recited at 6:30 PM, at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora. 630-631-5500. Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com to leave condolences for William’s family or sign the guest book.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in William’s name may be made to Presence Fox Knoll or to Seasons Hospice.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

Corner of Rt. 25 and Indian Trail Road.
Aurora, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **21**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
https://www.daleidenmortuary.com

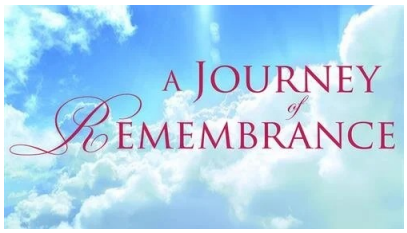
Funeral Mass

JUN **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Annunciation Church
1820 Church Road
Aurora, IL 60505

Tribute Wall

Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of William G. Wackerlin



Daleiden Mortuary - June 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DA

Uncle Bill, as I knew him, was a brother to my grandpa, Ernie Wackerline, Sr. Uncle Bill was a lot more fun, easier to talk to and I always enjoyed being around him. I live in Florida now and my 14-year-old daughter has been wanting to do a geneology chart on her family and I had wanted to call and talk to Uncle Bill but didn't know where he was. We know he is in heaven now. If Cliff or Pat can email me, maybe we can be in touch.

Dayna Schomer Aldrich (daughter of Don and Donna Schomer)
dayna1000@yahoo.com

Dayna Aldrich - August 15, 2013 at 11:47 AM

KM

Our sympathies to the Wackerlin Family and Cliff and Pat, our IW friends. Don & Karen Miner

Karen Miner - July 02, 2013 at 07:01 AM

MD

Prayers from the funeral Mass....

Let us pray for William... In baptism he died with Christ, may he now share in the fullness of his resurrection.

For the family, relatives and friends of William, that you may find strength and consolation in your Christian faith and in the love and support of this community.

For Pauline and Katherine, that they may share with William in the fullness of eternal happiness.

For all the departed members of the Wackerline, Jakosh, and Draudt families that they may now rejoice with William for all eternity.

For those who care for the sick and dying, especially those who cared for William.

For all the grandchildren and great grandchildren, that they may follow his example of a life of prayer and service to others.

For all those here today, that our memory of William whom we loved inspire us with a renewed love for all our sisters and brothers.

For all members of our Church; that we may be prepared for the hour of our death, when God will call us by name to pass from this world to the next.

Mary Ann Draudt - June 23, 2013 at 07:52 PM

MD

Remembering Bill…..

Many years ago, as most older folks are want to do, Bill was talking about and somewhat planning the day of his funeral. Katherine was present but said very little about the topic. He asked me if I would say a few words. I was instructed that it was to be short, but he wanted something said. He never told me what he would like said ,but in the years since that conversation, I think he expressed any number of times what was important to him.
Your Dad, Grandpa, Great-grandpa and friend was a simple man. A man who because of the need to help his family never finished school, but had such a strong desire to be informed and to learn. He married and worked very hard supporting a wife and his boys, often going to work before the sun was up and coming home after the sun had set. He was never afraid of hard work because he had a mission in life to be the best husband and father. He wanted to set an example for his boys.

Bill had multiple jobs; I like to think of them as careers, farming, car sales, real estate and most of all a learner. He always wanted to be informed and he didn't mind giving you his take on things or how he thought things might be done. He liked to sit and discuss everything from life issues, to the latest crop yields. He was a man proud of his faith as evidenced by the amount of time he spent helping St. Theresa parish and Annunciation. He was the go to man for finance, parish operations, and events. He had a high regard for the importance of giving back. He did have strong opinions on how things should be run and was not too quiet about expressing them to the pastor. However, he was a man who always did his homework and was respected for his ideas and thoughts. He would often tell me that he was a convert and not well educated, but how he lived his life was the exact opposite. He was a learned man and a man of much wisdom. I think we all experienced in our relationship with Bill that he was a man of deep faith and really got what it meant to follow the Lord. He had an uncanny way when

speaking with you to make you feel that you were the most important person in the room.

His greatest accomplishment spoken most often over these golden years was his family. He suffered many sorrows and tragic losses, but it never kept him from appreciating what he had and the joy of a strong family. Losing three sons, a daughter-in-law and two wives was not easy for him, but his faith strengthened him. He found beauty in life amid much sadness and lived it to the fullest even when losing his sight and the ability to be self-sufficient. He had a wonderful sense of humor and never lost it in his declining years. When he was at Foxknoll, I would tease him about how all the ladies tried to get his attention.

The one thing that I believe he would want you to know is that he loved each and every one of you very much and considered himself so blest to have a family that got along, had good jobs and beautiful children. Each and every one of you is precious in his sight.

So Bill, I hope I got it and met your criteria as we thank you for all that you have done for us and for the love and goodness you shared. You have been a great role model and teacher. We love you and will not forget you!

Your daughter-in-law, Mary Ann Draudt

Mary Ann Draudt - June 23, 2013 at 07:46 PM

JF

All you had to do was to meet Bill one time. Gentleman for sure. They don't make them any better. Jon Thom family

Jon Thom family - June 21, 2013 at 07:59 PM

FA

Cliff and Pat, we were so sorry to hear the news, too late to attend. He will be missed by all. I always enjoyed my talks with him at LaBeaus. Flo and Vern

Flo and Vern Alexander - June 23, 2013 at 03:28 PM