



Ray Witt

September 17, 1937 - December 24, 2020

Ray Bond Witt, 83, passed away on Thursday, December 24, 2020 after a short illness.

Ray was born on September 17, 1937 in Hartford, IL to James Marion & Julia (Bond) Witt.

After high school he joined the United States Air Force and was stationed at Sonderstromfjord, Greenland where he also played basketball for the Air Force.

After returning home from the Air Force he joined his brother in the Construction business and was part owner of M.U. Witt Construction.

Ray married Emma Geraldine Ensley on April 16, 1960, they just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Ray was a member of the Bethalto Masonic Lodge #406 and gave of his time to anyone that asked. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, and most of all going and watching his grandchildren play sports. He never missed one game.

He loved deeply and always gave and never wanted anything in return, he was proud of his family and he made it known that he loved them.

Besides his wife he is survived by his children, Jeff (Deb) Witt, Cindy (Steve) Shaw and Doug (Laurie) Witt. Grandchildren, Alex, Scott and Jenna Witt, Zachary, Alexis, Joshua and Katelyn Shaw and Joey and Emma Witt. Brothers, Ben Witt, Gary (Elanie) Witt, and sister-in-law Kathleen Ensley and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister June Ellen, brothers, Aaron Dean, James and Marion Witt, brother-in-law Edgar Ensley and sister-in-laws Aileen, Barbara Francis, Barbara Rose and Caroline Witt.

A Visitation will be held from 10:00 am until the time of Masonic Rights at 10:30 on

Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at Emmanuel Free Methodist Church. A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 am at Emmanuel Free Methodist Church on Fosterburg Road with Pastor Mark Scandrett officiating.

Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto.

Memorials may be given to Emmanuel Free Methodist Church.

Elias, Kallal and Schaaf Funeral Home in Bethalto will oversee arrangements.

Cemetery

Rose Lawn Memory Gardens

10 Erwin Plegge Blvd.

Bethalto, IL, 62010

Events

DEC **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Emmanuel Free Methodist Church
3993 Fosterburg Road, Alton, IL, US

DEC **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ I'm very sorry for your loss. Even though as cousins we never got together much, I enjoyed our talking at times such as this. Being the youngest of the Brooks siblings, no one ever knew who I was until I told them I was the youngest of Dollie and Elmer's children. My deepest sympathy, Kim (Brooks) Challanded

Kim (Brooks) Challanded - December 29, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, Leo and I have fond memories of Ray and our times together with the Witt crew on vacations when Leo worked with them. Leo and Jerrie Welling

Jerrilyn Welling - December 29, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ The Witt brothers all worked together when they were in business together. They went hunting and fishing together as well. The brothers always enjoyed each other and got together on each ones birthday eating cake and ice cream. I really never knew what Ray's favorite cake was he would try whatever we offered. We sure enjoyed him and Geraldine's visits and all the get togethers at each other's home. Our gr grand son CJ loved going to visit Ray. Ray was a special brother and neighbor. Our condolences, love with hugs sent to each of his family members, esp Geraldine. He is missed already. Love you all, Elaine and Gary Witt

Gary and Elaine Witt - December 28, 2020 at 08:33 PM



“ To Cindy, Steve and family,

My name is Jeff Haferkamp. I work with Steve at Family Farms.

Just a quick note to share my truly heartfelt condolences to you and your entire family at the loss of your father/father-in-law. The well-done obituary tells me that he was a wonderful father, grandad, etc. I'm sure he will be truly missed.

While this event is proceeding, I know a complicating factor is this crazy pandemic. Cindy, I pray you are recovering well from your recent illness. Further, I hope your entire family is well. Steve, please don't forget to take care of yourself also. Let us know if we at Family Farms can be of any help in the interim.

Again, please accept my deepest sympathies at this time of loss.

Sincere regards,

Jeff

Jeff Haferkamp - December 28, 2020 at 04:05 PM