



Ben V. Melendrez

July 19, 1935 - September 7, 2024

Ben V. Melendrez age 89 of Franklin Grove passed away on Saturday Sept. 7, 2024 at his home. He was born on July 19, 1935 in Nachusa, IL the son of Jess and Fellipa (Moya) Melendrez. Ben worked for Medusa Portland Cement Co. for over 30 years, and was a Lee County Bailiff for 20 years prior to his retirement. He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon. Ben married Linda Morrison on July 11, 1953 in Dixon. She preceded him in death on April 1, 2011. He is also preceded in death by his parents siblings Alice Rodriguez, Julie Klostermann, Jesse Melendrez, Joe Melendres, Donnie Melendrez, Mary Steele, Helen Clayton, Phillip Melendrez, and Steve Melendrez. Ben is survived by his children Vince (Kathy) Melendrez of Dixon, Kim (Sam) Ramirez of Sterling, Lori (John) Sheridan of Dixon, 7 grandchildren Samuel (Carie) Ramirez, Jacey (Rodrick) Ramirez, Vincent (Pam) Hummel, Courtney Hummel, Emily (Dan) Carroll, Patrick (Kylie) Carroll, Micah (Lindsay) Melendrez, 4 step grandchildren Jason (Karey) Kastner, Joshua (Lesley) Kastner, Jake Kastner, Jesse (Jennifer) Kastner, 21 great grandchildren, 2 sisters Connie Broderick of Sterling, Dolly Biggerstaff of Fargo SD, and many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be on Wednesday Sept. 11, 2024 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon with a saying of the rosary at 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be on Thursday Sept. 12, 2024 beginning with a 9:30 Prayer Service at the funeral home followed by a 10:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon. Cremation rites will follow. Memorial donations can be made to the Dixon

Public Library.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **11.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon
204 South Ottawa
Dixon, IL 61021
Ph: 815-288-2241
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Service

SEP **12.** 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon
612 S. Highland Ave.
Dixon, IL 61021
(815) 284-7719
office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net
<http://www.stpatrickdixon.org>

Tribute Wall

TW

“ I have just found out about Ben's passing, May God bless his soul. He was a great kind man. May i please send our families most sincere condolences for your loss. I think about your family often.
Tom & Jeaneen Webb and family

Tom Webb - October 05, 2024 at 03:30 PM

ST

“ I worked with Ben and he was always a gentleman with a smile.He was very respectful to everyone. He leaves a great legacy, his family. We will miss Ben on Tuesdays. And I take comfort knowing Linda will be there to welcome Ben with open arms. Blessings to the family. May Ben live on in the hearts of those who loved him. Rick and Sharon Tucker

Sharon Tucker - September 11, 2024 at 02:58 PM

ST

“ Ben was the greatest! I loved working with him. He was always the perfect gentleman. Always looked forward to seeing him every Tuesday. He leaves behind a magnificent legacy in his family. I take comfort in believing he is being welcomed with open arms by Linda. Blessings to the family. May Ben live in the hearts that loved him.

Sharon Tucker - September 11, 2024 at 11:48 AM

DF

“ Ben was a great bailiff and an even better person. God couldn't have made a better man. Dave F.

DAVID FRITTS - September 11, 2024 at 09:31 AM

LK

“ Love Dawn, Meredith, Frank and Kim purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ben V. Melendrez.



Love Dawn, Meredith, Frank and Kim - September 10, 2024 at 02:34 PM

VW

“ I had the pleasure of interacting with Ben for years at the courthouse.. such a wonderful, kind man... always enjoyed talking to him... my thoughts and prayers are with all friends and family

Vanessa White-Broome - September 10, 2024 at 12:57 PM

JF

“ Joe and Victoria Grubic Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben V. Melendrez.

Joe and Victoria Grubic Family - September 09, 2024 at 06:13 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ben V. Melendrez.



September 09, 2024 at 06:13 PM

LS

“ Ben and my father in law Kenny Schryver were great friends from working at the cement plant together for many years. I definitely heard lots of stories! I hope they are enjoying a beer together in Heaven. Two great guys.

Laurie Schryver - September 09, 2024 at 06:00 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ben V. Melendrez.



September 09, 2024 at 05:17 PM

JD

“ Jan and Paul Domke planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ben V. Melendrez.

Jan and Paul Domke - September 09, 2024 at 05:17 PM

PD

“ Great friend, fantastic neighbor! Will be sorely missed! RIP buddy!

Paul Domke - September 09, 2024 at 05:08 PM

TF

“ The Joe Melendres Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ben V. Melendrez.



The Joe Melendres Family - September 09, 2024 at 03:19 PM



“ *RIP, My Friend!*

Wayne Burgess - September 09, 2024 at 11:30 AM