



Burton E. Toms

September 27, 1935 - November 2, 2024

Burton E. Toms age 89 of Dixon died Saturday Nov. 2, 2024 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born Sept. 27, 1935 in Polo the son of Cyrus and Frances (Portner) Toms. He was a 1953 graduate of Polo Community High School. Burton had worked for Fairview Farm Dairy and Muller-Pinehurst Dairy for a total of 40 years prior to retirement. After retirement he worked at Ace Hardware part-time. He was a long-time member and faithful servant of Immanuel Lutheran Church. He served as a council member and volunteered in numerous ways at the church. He was also a member of the Dixon Elks Lodge. He served in the U.S. National Guard from 1957 to 1959. Burton was a Cubs fan during his later years.

He was happiest loving and caring for his family and was incredibly proud of his children and grandchildren. He loved attending his grandchildren's activities.

Burton married Anna Mae Miller on June 8, 1958 in Dixon, IL. He was preceded in death by his parents, son-in-law Cameron Longan, six brothers Harold, LeRoy, Robert, Leon, Clarence "Bud", Maurice "Bunt" Toms and one sister Marietta Volz.

Burton is survived by his wife Anna Mae, three daughters Lori (Kerry) Toms-McMullen of Pickerington, OH, Lisa (Bill) Brandt of Rockford, and Lynn Longan of Dixon, 8 grandchildren Ryan McMullen, Kyle (Meredith) McMullen, Megan McMullen, Justin Brandt, Matthew Brandt, Jenna (Austin) Rose, Keenan Longan, and Holden Longan.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday Nov. 6, 2024 at 11:00 AM at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dixon. Visitation will be on Wednesday Nov. 6, 2024 from 9:30 AM until the time of the service at 11:00 AM at the church. Private burial will follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Dixon. A memorial has been established to the Immanuel Lutheran Church Youth Group and Meals on Wheels. Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

1121 N. Galena Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
1013 Franklin Grove Rd
Dixon, IL 61021
<http://www.immanueldixon.org>

Service

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Tribute Wall

MH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



MICHAEL Heckman - November 17, 2024 at 09:58 PM

MH

“ I met Burton in my stint as a high school part time worker at the Fairview Dairy in Dixon, IL where he was a full-time worker. Burt was a BIG man in both his physical size and LARGE frequent smile. He overlooked my adolescent condition and helped me on occasion, I recall CLEARLY even today how he "stuck up" for me once when I stupidly backed up the dairy van into another dairy staffer's new car parked in the Fairview lot - - the anger of the car owner at me was dampered only by Burt's intervention and reminder to the car owner that it was NOT an intentional action and should just be considered a somewhat routine accident. The world would be a better one if only there were more Burton Toms citizens among us!

MICHAEL Heckman - November 17, 2024 at 06:03 PM

MH

“ 1 file added to the album Burt Toms Sticks up for careless Dairy van driver



MICHAEL Heckman - November 17, 2024 at 03:22 PM

MH

“ As a dumb high schooler (excuse the terms' redundancy) I had the good fortune to work for Fairview Dairy and its fine staff for several years. Burt was a BIG guy always with a BIG greeting smile ! I'll never forget him sticking up for me when another dairy staffer understandably expressed his anger for my clumsiness in backing the dairy van directly into the side of the other staffer's BRAND NEW family car! While I likely didn't deserve it, Burt told the other involved staff, "Cut him some slack, he's just a young kid who made a mistake !" Thanks, Burt, for this and ALL THE OTHER KINDNESSES YOU EXTENDED TO ME OVER THE YEARS!!



MICHAEL Heckman - November 17, 2024 at 02:59 PM

MD

“ Undoubtedly, my grandparents and Dad are putting out an extra lawn chair this week. (Didn't know they had lawn chairs up there did you? They do for the Dement crew.) And there in lies my memory of Burt (And Annamae, Lori, Lisa and Lynn).



If you look "friendship" up in the dictionary, the owners of about 5 homes would be there. Good news? They celebrated together. Bad news? They consoled each other. Absolutely regular day? You'd still find them together on a porch together.

It is with a big smile that I remember these times. He was such a good hugger. Always greeted me with a hearty "Miffer!" But it is with tears knowing we've lost another.

*Know you are all in our prayers.
XOXO Eleanor, John, Mif, Marggy and Kathy*

MARY FRANCES DAVIS - November 05, 2024 at 07:39 PM

BJ

“ Brent and Sarah Johnson purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Burton E. Toms.



Brent and Sarah Johnson - November 05, 2024 at 04:29 PM

DA

“ I have wonderful memories of playing at your house as a child. Burton never had a cross word toward the rambunctious crew in his backyard! Your family is in my prayers. Love from Danette Dallgas-Frey

Danette - November 05, 2024 at 08:29 AM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Burton E. Toms.

November 04, 2024 at 08:10 PM