



Ellwyn Vaessen

August 7, 1928 - February 27, 2009

Ellwyn J. "Al" Vaessen 80 of Polo died Friday February 27, 2009 in his home. He was born on August 7, 1928 in Sublette, IL the son of Frank and Blanche (Rubel) Vaessen. He had been employed as a construction foreman by Commonwealth Edison Co. for 38 years prior to his retirement on August 7, 1988. He was a veteran of the United State Army Air Corp. serving from 1946 until 1949. During the Berlin Airlift he flew 146 missions in to Berlin. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Polo, The Polo VFW Post, member of and Past Commander of the Polo American Legion Patrick Fagan Post. 83. a member of the Polo Knights of Columbus Council, a charter member and past board member of the Edgewood Golf Course and a member of the Dixon Elks Lodge 779. He was married to Daunene Weidman in St. Patrick Catholic Church Dixon May 23 1950. He was preceded in death by his parents, 1 great grandson Ryan Hammett. brothers William Vaessen and Eugene Vaessen and sisters Berniece Vaessen, Mary Vaessen, Dorothy Cavanaugh and Dolly Benson Survivors include his wife Daunene Vaessen, Polo; 4 daughters Kathleen (Tony) Clinton , Nashville, TN, Janet Smith, Rockford, IL Patrice (George) Medina Beach Park, IL and Mary (Mike) Groen, Sugar Grove, IL 2 sons Jeffrey (Cheri) Vaessen Sharon,WI and Mark Vaessen, Grayslake, IL 19 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and 2 sisters Rosella (Jim) McCullough, Petaluma, CA Kay (Doug) Foster Amboy,IL Funeral services will be Tuesday March 3, 2009 at 10:30 A.M. in St. Mary's Catholic Church Polo with the Rev. John T. Hanrahan pastor officiating. Burial

with Military Graveside Services will be in St. Mary's Cemetery Polo.
Visitation will be on Monday March 2, 2009 in the Jones funeral Home
Dixon,IL from 5:00 until 8:00 P.M. with the Rosary at 7:00 P.M. A Memorial has
been established to the Polo American Legion Post 83

Tribute Wall



“ *Ellwyn Vaessen*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Ellwyn Vaessen*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *To Pat and her loving family,*

We are so sorry for your loss of a wonderful father and a great guy. Good memories will continue from visits at Com Ed with my own father, taking about football and time together in Polo. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Love, Peter, Laura and Monica Smith

Peter and Laura Smith - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ma Vaessen and family,*

My heart aches for all of you at the loss of Big Al. I loved him like my own dad. I'll see you soon.

*Love,
Tonia*

Tonia Galloway - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ He went through a great nine months of fighting the resting peacefully now.

Courtney Medina - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ My dad was a very fun guy to be around. He always found a way to make you laugh. I am proud to have been his son. He did many, many things that showed he had a very big heart and was a good friend to many people. My dad will be missed by many, and remembered by many more. I will always carry the memories of him close to my heart.

Jeff & Cheri Vaessen - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ He was a very well liked person and a very good friend of the family. We all enjoyed being around him.

Rose Medina - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Jeff & family may the Lord wrap His everlasting arms around you and give you peace. My deepest sympathy.
In God's Love, Ruth

Ruth Schneider - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Kathleen and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I pray that God will comfort you during this time of bereavement.

Sherry Baskerville

Sherry Baskerville - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ I did not know Mr. Vaessen, but I know of him through his daughter, Kathleen. Surely, he will be missed because he must have been a person who was a good friend to have, someone who could inspire others to do better, and someone who loved his family - because that's what I see in his daughter.

Anthony J. Lee - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Kathleen,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. No bond is as great as that between a parent and child. My deepest condolences are with you as you grieve.

Susan Fuller - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Kathleen,

So sorry to hear of your Father's passing. He died on my Father's birthday and as you may remember he also passed away; just a month ago. I feel your pain and will be here if you would like to talk.

Sincerely,

Martha

Martha Adcock - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ So sorry for your loss.

Sarah Newberry - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *May his soul rest in peace. And may God comfort the ones left behind.*

Chi Ejiofor - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ *Please accept my heartfelt sympathies for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Edie

Edie Cartwright - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *My prayers are with you and the family. May God keep you in his loving arms and give you peace.*

*Sincerely,
Deanna Ogleton*

Deanna Ogleton - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Kathleen,
I was very sorry to hear of the loss of your father. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this sad time.*

There is such a special bond between a father and a daughter that the pain can seem overwhelming. but I trust that God will walk with you through your grief and carry you to a place where your memories of your father will be a blessing to you

Lucretia

Lucretia Baxa - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Kathleen,
I am so sorry to hear about your Dad.
You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love,
Tammie

Tammie Browning - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Kathleen and family,

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you
during this trying time.

Caira Garcia - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I am sorry for the loss of your loved one. May God bless you and
your family.

Levi Harris - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.

G.G. Mullins - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ kathleen and family-my thoughts and prayers are with you at this
time of loss of your precious loved one. in this time of sadness may
the Lord lead you to a place of peace.

carole smith - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Kathleen I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May your heart soon be a peace. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

Lynda Tyus - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Kathleen,
I am so sorry to hear about your dear Father's passing. May you and your family find comfort in being together and sharing fond memories.

Dawn Donegan - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I am sorry for the loss of Mr. Vaessen. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. I did not know Mr. Vaessen but I honor his courage and service for his contributions to our military. It is men like him that make freedom a reality for the rest of us.

Jama Phillips - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I am so very sorry about your loss and will continue to pray for you and your family.

Dorothy Piphus - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Very sorry to hear of your loss. Al will be missed dearly.

There have been a lot of memories the past 37 years that we all have known each other. From the P.A.D. to the present.

You are all in my prayers.

Diane Drexler - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Kathleen you have my deepest sympathy. You and your family are in my prayers.

Charlene Haywood - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Kathleen,
I'm so sorry for your loss. It is always hard to lose a parent. Wishing you and your family peace and the recognition of God's love around you.
My prayers are with you.
Sue

Sue Buckley - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ OUR THOUGHTS AND PARYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY AT YOUR TIME OF LOSS. AL WAS A SPECIAL GUY AND WILL BE GREATLY MISSED!

RICK ROOP & PENNY LEE - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Thinking of you Mary at this time. It seems like only a few short years ago we were thinking about what to do on a Friday Night. Now as we are getting olders, so are our parents. I lost my Step-Dad almost 3 yrs ago. The loss of a parent is Huge!! Please know that as I see one of my classmates has lost a parent I think of each of them.
So with this said I'm very very sorry for your loss. Take Care.

Shelley (Black) Behrends - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ we are so sorry to here of big al's passing.

Madlynn Churchwell - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I will miss Al- he became more than a patient- he was a friend.
Much love to Dawn and his family! I will be thinking of you.
Jill Fox (Dr Strom's nurse)

Jill Fox - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Our hearts go with the family as you travel down this road.
The BA department prays for togetherness, strength, and peace of
mind for our Director and her family.
May God hold each and everyone of you until...

Regina Mitchell - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dear Kathleen, I am sorry to hear of the loss of your father. May you
find comfort in your memories and faith. May you find strength in
knowing that many folks are thinking of you and your family.

Marlin

Marlin Cox - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Dear Kathleen and Family:

I am sorry to hear about the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Sincerely,

Sheila Robertson

Sheila Robertson - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *I just want to say that Kathleen and her family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Take care. In sympathy, Darla*

Darla Goad - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ *My sympathy to you and your family during this difficult time. May your memories bring comfort and peace. Having experienced the loss of my own father many years ago, I understand the loss you are going through.*

*Sincerely,
Vicky Beard*

Vicky Watts Beard - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *My dad taught us many things to take on in life and many more in his death. We will miss him with all our hearts. there will be many moments of sadness but much more laughter in the fond memories left behind. I love you Daddy!*

patty medina - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I learned only a couple of weeks ago about Al's passing. I was truly shocked. This great big man would never be gone. I worked for him on many jobs and he was always a man with great spirit and energy. His big booming voice could be heard a great distance and he commanded as much respect from those who worked for him. When we rebuilt a transmission line coming out of Rockford he treated me with respect and respected my knowledge of that kind of work. I will never forget him. I have many great memories to remember him by.
To his family, I am truly sorry that he is gone and you have my deepest sympathy.

Dennis Curless - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM