



George Meusel

December 7, 1940 - March 22, 2026

George Meusel, age 85, beloved son, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, farmer, ice cream enthusiast and all around good guy passed away on Sunday March 22, 2026 due to complications following surgery. He was born the youngest of 4 brothers on December 7, 1940, in Mendota, Illinois, to Martha and John Meusel. In 1947, the family moved to a farm just outside of Amboy, Illinois, where George would live the rest of his life.

George graduated from Amboy High School(1958), married his wife Yolane Meusel (nee Richards) in 1962 and proceeded to take over the farm from his father. As a young farmer, he finished cattle and hogs, kept a large flock of layers, baled hay and straw, and row cropped corn and soybeans. In fact, if you were lucky, you may have gotten farm fresh eggs delivered to your door by George on his Wednesday night egg route. He continued the tradition of the family farm, raising 3 daughters(Ann a.k.a. Tractor Driver, Molly a.k.a. Egg Collector, and Jodi a.k.a. Hay Raker) and 1 son (Mike a.k.a. Son) who has farmed alongside his father for 35 years.

If that wasn't enough, George also worked ten plus years each at Sterile Pack in Dixon, Illinois, Fantasy Flavors in Amboy, Illinois, and Schreiber Foods in Dixon, Illinois.

And if that wasn't enough, in 1985, George and his wife purchased a fledgling ice cream business in Amboy. The couple nurtured and grew the Dairy Delite into a fully formed famous Lee County dessert destination when they opened their second location in Dixon, Illinois, in 1998. He is the 'George' behind the

George's Homemade Hard Ice Cream at Meusel's Dairy Delite in Amboy and Dixon, now being captained by his daughter Molly.

George was preceded in death by his father, John(1974), his mother Martha(1985), and his brothers Henry(2016), Norman(1998), and Rudy(2015). He is survived by his wife Yolane; his daughters Ann Drada (Donnie), Molly, and Jodi (Nathan Clements), and his son Mike (Jessica); his grandchildren Jake Drada (Brooke), Max Drada, Henry Meusel, and Harper Meusel; and great grandchildren Maeve Drada and Drew Drada.

George loved working on the farm, working at the Dairy Delite, and working with his family. He will be remembered for his good nature and easy smile, as well as the best damn butter pecan ice cream in the country.

His family will be hosting a Final Farewell at the Amboy Community Building on Friday April 10th between 4:00 and 7:30. Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

APR **10**. 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Amboy Community Center
280 W Wasson Rd
Amboy, IL 61310

Tribute Wall

HB

“ Heather B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Meusel.

Heather B. - April 02 at 12:42 PM

RS

“ I cannot think of anything that makes me happier than a quart of George's hand packed Butter Pecan ice cream. Thank you to the Meusel family, who like George, are genuinely happy to see us and always welcoming. Good feelings coupled with good ice cream; it doesn't get any better. George's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. We wish you peace.

Rosalie Koldan & Shirley Guay

Rosalie & Shirley - March 31 at 12:59 PM

RK

“ Ramona Kessel lit a candle in memory of George Meusel



Ramona Kessel - March 31 at 09:07 AM

TM

“ George was someone I always respected. Growing up and into early adulthood, the Meusel family always made me feel like one of their own, and that meant a lot.

George was one of the hardest working men I've ever known, but he never needed to say much—you could see it in everything he did. He was soft spoken, steady, and just a genuinely good person.

He was a true staple in the community and the kind of man people looked up to without him ever trying to be.

He will be missed by many, and I'm grateful I got to know him.

Tommy Massey & Family

Tommy Massey - March 30 at 09:16 PM