



Howard Schnell

December 30, 1933 - August 17, 2012

Howard V. Schnell, age 78, of Franklin Grove, died Friday August 17, 2012, at Franklin Grove Living and Rehab Center. He was born in Amboy on December 30, 1933, the son of Vernon and Lois (Crawford) Schnell. Howard farmed and raised Hereford cattle with his father and brother in the Bradford Twp. area for many years until his retirement in 2006. He served in the Army for the 804th Field Artillery Battalion in Germany. Howard was a member of the Lee Center Congregational United Church of Christ; a lifetime member of the Lee County Farm Bureau; the Franklin Grove Living History Antique Equipment Association where he served as Treasurer for many years; the Bradford Community Club; and the Northern Illinois Chapter 2 International Harvester Collectors Club. He had a great love of flying; he enjoyed restoring antique tractors and machinery as well as attending antique tractor and thrashing shows. He looked forward to his annual Army "buddies" reunion. Howard was united in marriage to Elsie Burdge at the Evangelical United Methodist Church in Eldena on March 3, 1957. He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 great grandsons, and a nephew. Survivors include his wife of Franklin Grove; a daughter Brenda (Charles) Smith of Polo; 1 granddaughter Heather (Roger) Stanfield of Rio, IL; 2 great granddaughters Natalie and Chloe Stanfield; a brother Roger (Sharon) Schnell of Amboy; 5 nieces. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 10:30 AM in the Lee Center Congregational United Church of Christ, with Pastor Jack M. Briggs, officiating. Burial will follow in Woodside Cemetery in Lee Center with

Military Graveside Rites by the Amboy American Legion. Visitation will be held on Monday, August 20, from 5:00 until 8:00 PM in the church. Memorials have been established to the Lee Center Congregational United Church of Christ and the Franklin Grove Living History Antique Equipment Association.

Tribute Wall



“ *Howard Schnell*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Howard Schnell*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *My sincere sympathies to all of Howards family and extended family.
I'll certainly remember Howards kind, helpful and sincere ways. He sure treated me good and we always enjoyed a visit. I won't soon forget our short visit on Sunday of the tractor show.
Your family and the tractor club has lost a wonderful man.
Herb Johnson*

Robert & Deborah Smith - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Elsie and family, please accept my condolences for the passing of your husband and father. He was always a kind man and he will be remembered for that. Nettie Poulos*

Nettie Poulos - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Both Kurt and I were honored to join you at the reunions as your chaperones. You have our deepest sympathy. Howard was a great guy.*

Terry Rosenkoetter - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to you, Elsie, and Brenda, and family. Unfortunately, I found out too late of Howard's passing and the services were already over. I was very disappointed and would have been there for Howard's final tribute. Howard was a wonderful man, kind, helping in any way, just a very good person. And to all of you, it was a pleasure growing up with you as our neighbors. And, for the kindness and companionship you gave my Dad after Mom passed away. Now, at least take peace in knowing they are sitting in their lawn chairs in heaven, catching up on the years they've been apart. And that now there is another Angel in heaven watching over all of us. Take care, Sharon

Sharon Wagner - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Elsie and Family and Roger and Family, We were surprised to hear of Howard's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We will miss seeing him at Living History meetings and tractor shows. We will certainly miss asking him questions about Massey Harris. God bless you. Sincerely, Dennis and Anita

Dennis and Anita Craddock - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM