



John Darwin Slain

August 23, 1934 - March 17, 2020

J. Darwin Slain age 85 of Dixon died Tuesday March 17, 2020, St Patrick's Day, Irish heritage proud, at KSB Hospital in Dixon. He was born Aug. 23, 1934 in Dixon the son of John and Helen (Stacey) Slain and was a lifelong Dixon resident. Darwin married Verna Adams Oct. 27, 1956. He worked at Dixon Publishing for 45 years retiring as superintendent of the plate department. He was a PFC in the Army. He was stationed in Germany from 1957 to 1959 where Verna joined him and his oldest daughter was born. Incredibly hard worker, trusted, and well respected. He especially enjoyed any type of family gathering, from gatherings at the home he and Verna built in 1962 to fishing trips and day trips to various locations throughout the Midwest. Fishing trips were the highlight in his life. As he was driving back from one trip, he was planning for his next adventure. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Ed Slain, brother in law Larry Wilson, grandson Christopher Carroll, niece Kate (Brokaw) McDowell, and nephew Steven Slain. Darwin is survived by his beloved wife Verna, children Liz (Stu) Epstein and their children Bekah Epstein and Josh (Karen) Epstein; Diane (Tom) Carroll and their children Jen (Loren) Reed, Tommy Carroll, John Carroll, Kate Carroll, and Annie Carroll; Dan (Linda) Slain and their children Danielle Slain, David Slain, Adam (Jessica) Slain; Janet (Dave) Ginn and their children Tessa Ginn, Patrick Ginn and Molly Ginn; and adored great grandchildren Linden Reed and Hunter Slain; sisters Donna Wilson and Mary (Kim) Brokaw, brother Tom (Diane) Slain, sister in law Fran Slain and special nephew Bob (Mardelle)

Slain.

A private family Mass was held with burial and military honors at Oakwood Cemetery. A public memorial service will be held at a later date. A memorial has been established to St. Anne Parish and School and St. Jude Children Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

Tribute Wall



“ *John Darwin Slain*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *John Darwin Slain*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I worked with Darwin years ago at the printing company. May God hold you all very close. Roxanne Burrs*

Roxanne Burrs - March 24, 2020 at 06:50 AM



“ *Having been a neighbor to Darwin & Verna for many years I got to experience first hand what a kind loving giving person Darwin and his whole family was. He was a wonderful person inside and out! My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family! Diane Shehorn-Schnake*

Diane Shehorn-Schnake - March 22, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ *Dear Verna, Pat & I send our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Darwin was one of the best, such a kind and giving man. Hopefully we will be home for the memorial service. For the time being we are staying put. Sending love & prayers, Ginny & Pat*

ginny propheter - March 20, 2020 at 10:22 AM

PC

“ *The world has lost a kind man. Darwin was my Dads cousin. I have never forgotten the FUN times we had at the Rock River where my Grandma lived. The Slains had boats at the dock in the 1950's with lots of waterskiing, swimming and fishing. And the fun picnics we had at the Slain house. I remember good food, handstand contests, and lots of loud laughter! Condolences to ALL the extended Darwin Slain family. Sincerely, Peggy (Lightner) Covert*



Peggy Covert - March 19, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Darwin Slain.*



March 19, 2020 at 07:52 PM

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“ *Oh my ! I have so Many Plus the one Neil always talked about. Some I can't sure 🤔 ! One of my favorite was when We all would get together on New Years Eve, I served French Onion soup , Not Knowing Darwin hated French onion soup but he was a soldier and sat there and ate the whole Bowl , Later Verna told me he hated French onion soup , I felt really bad but he told me he really really liked it , whether he did or not I didn't know. I have so many from their fishing trip of 35 years. I wish I could list them all. What great friends.*

Norma Petersen - March 19, 2020 at 11:54 AM

CB

“ Donna,
So sorry to hear of the loss of your brother.
Thinking of you with heartfelt sympathy.
Rick, Chris, and Landon Bollman



Christine Bollman - March 19, 2020 at 10:27 AM