



## Joseph Blackburn

September 11, 1931 - February 14, 2012

Joseph L Blackburn age 80 of Dixon died Tuesday Feb. 14, 2012 at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford. He was born Sept. 11, 1931 in Marion Twp. Lee County the son of Joseph and Myra Emma (Mekeel) Blackburn. He attended St Mary Catholic Grade school and graduated Dixon High School class of 1949. He owned and operated Joe's Standard service station in Dixon from 1959 to 1965 and worked for Amoco Oil in Rochelle for 30 years retiring in Jan. of 1998. He was a member of St Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon. He was a veteran of the Marine Corps during the Korean War serving from 1951 to 1954 He was a member of St Patrick Catholic Church. Joe was also a member of the band Lyle Grobe and the Rhythm Ramblers. He married Mearl Kisse Bellini Dec. 5, 1985 in Dixon He was preceded in death by brothers Lewis, David, and William Blackburn, sisters Kathleen Smith, Mary Johnson, Ann Helfrich and Phyllis Cathey. He is survived by his wife Mearl, step children April (Ted) Parsons of Albuquerque, NM, Susan (Marty) Meusel of Dixon, Brian (Leann) Bellini of Dixon, Brad (Michelle) Bellini of Oregon, Jeff (Yepi) Bellini of Honolulu, Hawaii, 7 grandchildren, Stacey, Travis, Melissa, Shawn, Scott, Alli and Jino, and several great grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother Kenneth (Miriam) Blackburn of Dixon and sisters Betty Jane Pope of Polo, and Joan Sheridan of Dixon. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday Feb. 21, 2012 beginning with a 10:00 AM prayer service in the Jones Funeral Home followed by a 10:30 AM Mass of Christian Burial at St Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon with the Rev. John Gow officiating. Burial

with military honors by the combined Veterans Group will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Visitation will be on Monday from 4:00 to 8:00 PM in the funeral home with a scripture service at 7:00 PM. A memorial has been established to the American Cancer Fund.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Blackburn*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Joseph Blackburn*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Love from the Texas Ehrmans*

**David and Lisa Ehrman** - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My family and I are deeply saddened by the passing on of your dearly beloved JOE. We shall forever treasure the memory of having spent New Year's eve with him and his relatives and friends. May it comfort you to know that he is now "Safely Home" with our Savior in His eternal Kingdom.*

*We are praying for the eternal repose of his soul.*

**Purificacion Delos Santos** - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of uncle Joes passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with Merle and the entire family at this difficult time. May you find comfort in his memories and knowing he is now with his Lord and Savior. Love to you all. Billie Jo and Delores.*

**Billie Jo Lauritzen** - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Meart, Roger and I want to add our condolences to the many we know you have received. We have been away for the winter or would have come to Joe's services to let you know in person.

*Please accept our prayers and thoughts, and sincerest sympathy.  
Michele*

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**Roger and Michele Robbins** - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

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**Dan, Dee and Kyle Floto** - February 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM