



Melvin F. Heckman

August 29, 1936 - May 22, 2024

Melvin F. Heckman age 87 of Dixon died Wednesday May 22, 2024 at KSB Hospital in Dixon. He was born Aug. 29, 1936 in Polo the son of Frederick "Fritz" and Doris (Russell) Heckman. Melvin was a firefighter at the Dixon State School and served as President of the firefighters union. He had also worked for Wright Tree Service of 30 years and ended his career as a Forman for Asplundh Tree Service. He also owned and operated his own tree service for many years.

He served in the Illinois National Guard and was a member of NEBF. He was beloved family man and an avid fisherman.

Melvin married Marlene Garwick July 22, 1961 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Sterling.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son Larry, one sister Doris A Mighell and brothers in law Gerald Satterfield and Sherman Shilling.

Melvin is survived by his wife Marlene, children Lisa (David) Miller of Champaign, Tracy (Scott) Holden of Phoenix, AZ, one grandson Cale Holden, 2 step grandsons Christopher (Erica) Miller and Samuel (Rachel) Miller and 9 step great grandchildren. He is also survived by one brother Jim Heckman of Mansfield, IL, four sisters Shirley Satterfield of Rockford, Melanie (Vincent) Stonecipher of Dixon, Mary (Tom) Kaderly of Florida and Loretta Shilling of Dixon.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to Kreider

Services or First Responders.

Tribute Wall

HF

“ We were neighbors of the Heckman family from the early 1970s when they moved to the corner of 3rd Street and Artesian Place until the early 1980s when we moved. Mel was a good neighbor, hard worker, and good father. We are sorry for your loss of such a good person. The Henning Family.

Henning Family - May 29, 2024 at 04:23 PM

CS

“ Mel was my brother-in-law, but More like a brother actually. If it weren't for him, I probably never would have been able to catch a walleye. Spent some wonderful time out on the lake. He will be missed, but I'm not sure anyone will miss his chili. I hope there are walleye in heaven. Love you, Mel.

Carol Segneri - May 26, 2024 at 01:06 PM

JB

“ I met Mel at Park Point Resort on Lake Kabetogama. His hilarious stories were high lights of every summer. He will be missed.

Jim Brendel

Jim Brendel - May 25, 2024 at 10:58 PM

RH

“ Mel was a very special friend of mine and I worked in the tree work with him for many years. Me and him and his brother Jim still got together for breakfast ocasionaly. I will miss him.

Ron Hartman - May 25, 2024 at 04:10 PM

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“ Anyone and everyone who knew this man could not help but like him. His easy going nature and sense of humor left you wanting more of him. Me, being one of his daughters, was fortunate enough to get to have all of him all the time. I knew how deeply his love for his family, friends and faith were. I am carrying him with me as a part of me and go forward knowing he is lighting up the heavens. I love you dad, Tracy

Tracy Holden - May 25, 2024 at 07:17 AM

LS

“ Mel was my big brother and I was his baby sister. I will miss his smile, his dumb jokes but most of all the love he had for me and the rest of his family. He was a loving, caring, wonderful man and I will miss him until we meet again. Rest in Peace my sweet brother! Love you!!

Loretta Shilling - May 24, 2024 at 12:14 PM



Mel was my role model of what a father should be and I am grateful for all he taught me.....he was my role model and I'm grateful to have been a part of his family. Miss you Mel.

Scott Holden - May 25, 2024 at 08:30 AM