



Otto Gehant

July 23, 1922 - April 19, 2008

Otto L. Gehant age 85 of Franklin Grove and formerly of Amboy, died Saturday April 19, 2008 at the Franklin Grove Health Care Center. He was born July 23, 1922 in West Brooklyn, IL the son of George and Zita (Meyer) Gehant. He had been employed as a Stationary Engineer at the Dixon Developmental Center for over 20 years prior to his retirement January 1, 1983.

He served in the United States Army 99th Infantry First Cav. Mule Pack during W.W.II.

He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church Amboy. He was a member of and Past Commander of the Amboy American Legion Post Poth-Lavalle. He was a member of and Past Commander of the Lee County American Legion. He was a Life Member of the Rochelle VFW Post. He was a member of the Amboy Knights of Columbus, Mendota Elks Club and past member of the Amboy Park Board.

He had been a member of the Amboy City Council from 1983 until 1985 and had served as mayor of Amboy from 1985 until 1989.

He was married to Mary Jane Blue in West Brooklyn, IL Nov. 29, 1945.

He is preceded in death by his parents; 1 brother Gilbert Gehant; 1 sister Georgiana Parks and 1 granddaughter Lynn Gehant.

He is survived by his wife of Franklin Grove; 3 daughters Karen (Frank) Stenzel, of Amboy, Mary (Richard) Sanders of Dixon and Zita (Phil)

Westbrook of Dixon; 1 son Jerry (Ronda) Gehant of Breaux Bridge, LA.; 2

sisters Marybelle Novak of Dixon and Elaine Gehant of Kearney, NE 6 grandchildren Mandy (Carlos) LeBlanc, Sr. and Sara Gehant of LA, Kim (Nate) Girton of Chana, Chris (Kristin) Stenzel of Rochester MN, Dustin (Brennecke) Westbrook of Sterling and Darcie Westbrook of San Antonio TX; 7 great-grandchildren Alexis, Carlos Jr., Kade, Noelle, MyKensey, Zaden and Zyan.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 beginning with a 10:00 AM prayer service in the Jones Funeral Home in Amboy followed by a 10:30 AM Mass of Christian Burial at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy with the Rev. Carl Beekman, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery in West Brooklyn with military graveside rites by the Amboy American Legion. Visitation will be held on Monday, April 21, from 2:00 until 4:00 and 6:00 until 8:00 PM with the rosary recited at 7:30 PM in the funeral home. Memorials have been established to St. Patrick Church and the Amboy Fire Dept.

Tribute Wall



“ *Otto Gehant*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Otto Gehant*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *To the Gehant family, please accept our sincerest sympathy for your loss. The kindness and friendship of the Gehants will forever be with us, and our thoughts and prayers are with you, always.*

Your friends,

Mrs. Frank (Doris) Barlow and Janet Barlow, Beeville, Texas

Janet E. Barlow - April 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Jane: Jerry's brother, George from Amboy, called me to tell me of Otto's death. I am saddened to know you've lost your husband/best friend. It leaves a big hole in your life as I too know. I hadn't realized that you both were in the F.G. Health Care Center; at least you have others to help you through this difficult time. May GOD sustain and bless you.*

Sincerely,

Rose Marie (Myers, Poulos) Norton

Rose Marie Norton - April 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *My deepest sympathy to Mary Jane and Mary Sanders, and the rest of the family. I am very sorry to hear of your loss, I will keep you in my prayers~Deborah*

Deborah Lehnert - April 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Dear MaryJane, Karen, Zita, Mary & Family,
Sorry for your loss.
You're in my prayers and thoughts.
Love, Shirley*

Shirley A. Powell - April 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *The Kenneth Reuter family wishes to offer our heartfelt condolences at the loss of your husband and father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

Kenneth and Jane Reuter - April 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Karen -
I was sorry to hear about your father. I'm praying for you and your family for strength to get through this difficult time. May God provide the comfort and peace that your father would want for you.
Jenny Rodriguez*

Jenny Rodriguez - April 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Gramma,

I am very sorry I could not make it and my prayers are with you during this very difficult time. I guess we need to be thankful he is no longer suffering; although that does not make it any easier. I will continue to pray for you, my daddy, and my aunt's.

Love you all

*Mandy**

Amanda LeBlanc - April 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM