



Paul Potts

January 26, 1915 - September 14, 2009

Paul L. Potts age 94 of Dixon died in his home on Monday September 14, 2009. He was born in Tamalco, IL Jan 26, 1915 the son of Levi and Mabel (Ditsch) Potts. Mr. Potts Owned and operated Potts Meat Market, the Manhattan Cafe, the Lincoln Manor and Lincoln Lodge Motel, the Brandywine Restaurant and Best Western Motel and the Phoenix Room Restaurant all in Dixon. He had been the Food Purchasing Director of Ramada Inns in Phoenix AZ and a member of the Townsquare Partnership Dixon. He had been a referee of High School Football and Basketball Games for many years. He also had served on the Dixon City council, the Dixon School Board was Dixon City Police Commissioner. He was a member of the Dixon Elks Lodge 779 and had served on the Dixon Country Club Board of Directors. He was preceded in death by his parents; son Lee Potts, brothers Kenneth Potts and Victor Potts; sisters Maxine Fane and Ovella Shafer. He was married to Elizabeth "Betty" Friel in Grand Detour on Sept. 2, 1967. He is survived by his wife of Dixon; daughter Mary (Jack) Guerrieri, of Rock Falls, IL; daughter-in-law Pam Potts of Tucson, AZ; grandchildren Paul L. Potts of Tucson, AZ and Michael (Keely) Guerrieri of Sterling, IL; great grandchildren Rylee and Dale Guerrieri both of Sterling; sisters Marie Fane of Dixon and Frances Sorensen of Phoenix AZ; sisters-in-law Melba "Mickey" Potts of Dixon and Jean Potts of Franklin Grove. Funeral services will be held on Friday, September 18, 2009 at 10:30 AM in the First Baptist Church in Dixon with the Rev. Bunyan Cocar, Pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Dixon.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 17, from 2:00 until 4:00 and 6:00 until 8:00 PM in the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon, and also on Friday from 9:30 until 10:30 AM in the church. A memorial has been established to the Dixon Police Dept. and the Dixon Athletic Booster Club.

Tribute Wall



“ *Paul Potts*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Paul Potts*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Betty and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. It has been so many years since I have
seen any of the family, but i keep in contact with Janet, Marie, Pam,
Christy, Julie and Fran through phone and email.
With sympathy
Michele Ulm
Ovella's granddaughter*

Michele Ulm - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Paul and Betty were top of the line restaurant owner/managers My aunt, Loie Typer, Polo, brought lots of business your way because she thought you were always so nice to her Mother, Eppie Typer, and her sister (also my Mother) Ruth Cox from Polo. Grandma Eppie lived to be 97 and died in 1972; In the last few years of Mother's life, Loie shared her home with my Mother (Ruth) until the year 2000 when Lois died at age 84; then Mother (Ruth Cox) died in 2001 at age 102. Wanted you to know you brought lots of joy to their lives with your wonderful hospitality. I, too, came to all your places of business and echo their compliments. Paul used to officiate basketball games with my brother-in-law, Glenn Hughes, from Freeport.

Shirley Hughes - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Betty and family,
I was sorry to hear that Paul had passed to a better place. Paul was a great friend, busines man, and human being. I enjoyed working for him and with him. Some of us were around for the bus shelter and dog..... that you and Paul did without anyone knowing you did it. I am sure there are many of us that will miss Paul.

Ed and Nancy Miller - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Betty, We are sorry to hear of the loss of your husband. You have our deepest sympathy and are in our thoughts and prayers. Ken and Jane Reuter

Ken and Jane Reuter - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ It was with great sadness I read of the passing of Mr. Potts. My father, Gene Barrowman, and he were long time friends dating back to about 1934. I recall so many stories of the football and basketball games they attended together as well as other business and social events. I also remember when he played in a basketball game at DHS against the Harlam Globe Trotters. They all were yelling, "Get that butcher boy" That was when he owned the butcher shop at the Royal Blue store. What a fun evening that was. He was a good and loyal friend to my dad for many years. My sympathy to his family.

Shirley Barrowman Husa - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was saddened to hear of Paul's passing. He was a wonderful man and I considered him to be a good friend. My sympathies and prayers go to his family as they deal with his loss.

Dawn Somers (Welsh) - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM