



Russell John Statler

June 21, 2017 - October 30, 2017

Russell J. Statler age 78 of Polo died Monday Oct. 30, 2017 at Polo Rehab. and Health Care Center. He was born June 21, 1939 in Milledgeville, IL preceded in death by his parents Ray and Mary (Briscoe) Statler. After beginning his career working at Henry Pratt and hauling grain for Dixon Co-op he realized he truly had a desire to be a farmer. Russell's passion for farming, raising crops and livestock allowed him to grow his passion into a family enterprise with several farms in Ogle County along Penn Corner and Henry Road. His careful and diligent planning of each year's crop, along with preparing for planting and harvest most often resulted in good seasons. The fresh smell of tilled soil each spring made him a man of the earth with both feet firmly planted on the land and a wonderful steward of the soil. Along with his passion for farming Russell was a true family man. While farming kept him very busy he was always ensuring he made time to attend special family events even if it was to catch a quick meal in between chores.

Russell married Patricia Friel on July 2, 1960 and she preceded him in death July 7, 2016. He was also preceded in death by a half-brother Sherwood Wilson, two half-sisters Yvonne Wilson and Alice Miller and 2 grandchildren Valorne Follmer and Maria Cutsinger.

Russell is survived by two daughters Dina (James) Lillyman of Franklin Grove, Valerie Statler of La Grange, KY, one son Greg Statler of Polo, 5

grandchildren, Shantel Smith, Brittany Macchi, Zachary Howard, Victoria Ogunfowokan and Tate Statler, 5 great grandchildren, Adrionna Macchi, Kellan Smith, Gavin Smith, Jaron Smith and Jayden Ogunfowokan and one sister Collette Frank of Desert Springs, CA.

Visitation will be on Saturday Nov. 4, 2017 from 9:30 AM until 11:00 AM in the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon. Graveside services will be on Saturday Nov. 4, 2017 at 11:30 AM at Fairmount Cemetery in Polo with Rev. Joseph Naill, officiating. A luncheon will follow the burial at Polo Town Hall. A memorial has been established to St Mary Catholic Church in Polo.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

Polo, IL 61064

Previous Events

Service

NOV 4. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon
204 South Ottawa
Dixon, IL 61021
Ph: 815-288-2241
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Service

NOV 4. 11:30 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

St. Mary Cemetery
Polo, IL 61064

Tribute Wall



“ *Russell John Statler*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Russell John Statler*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *To the family of Fuzzy we pass on our thoughts and prayers as he was one of my best friends during our High School Days. We saw him last two years ago when we traveled to Dixon from our home in Georgia. John and Betty Rhodes*

John Rhodes - November 18, 2017 at 11:11 AM



“ *I was truly saddened to read of Russell's passing. Please accept my sincere condolences. Mike Miller, Davie FL*

Mike Miller - November 05, 2017 at 08:20 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss Dina, Greg, Valerie and all of your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Hugs... Shannon*



Shannon Schrader - November 03, 2017 at 04:08 PM

Debbi
Mick

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Fuzzys passing, I have fond memories of him. I'm not able to make the services but know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Fuzzy and Pat are together again. ❤️ Deb Mick

Debbi Mick - November 03, 2017 at 09:25 AM



“ My heart breaks for Dina, Valeria and Gregg. I'm so sorry for your loss. You're on my mind, in my heart and prayers. Jaci Kousoulas



Jaci Myers Kousoulas - November 02, 2017 at 06:26 PM

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“ I send my sincere condolences to the family of my long time friend, Russell "Fuzzy" Statler. Thomas Cline, DDS



Tom Cline - November 02, 2017 at 12:42 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Russell John Statler.



November 01, 2017 at 11:01 AM