



Sylvan John Leffelman

February 19, 1929 - December 3, 2020

Sylvan J. Leffelman, 91 of Dixon, formerly of Amboy, died on December 3, 2020. Sylvan was born on February 19, 1929 to Walter and Esther (Burkardt) Leffelman in his Grandma Burkardt's farmhouse outside of Sublette.

Sylvan spent much of his childhood sweeping floors and cleaning windows at his father Walter's International Harvester farm implement dealership across from the Illinois Central depot in Amboy. It was under Walt's watchful eye that Sylvan learned the importance of hard work and customer service. At home, he was blessed with his mother Esther's delicious meals and everpresent love.

Sylvan graduated from Amboy High School in 1946 and attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to study business for two years. He returned to Amboy when needed at home for a family medical crisis.

Sylvan was drafted into the the Army in 1951 and served two years during the Korean War. After his discharge, Sylvan once again returned to Amboy to work with his father and brother, John at the family business.

After Walt's retirement, Sylvan and John became co-owners of W.G.

Leffelman & Sons and oversaw its transition to a Case IH dealership.

Sylvan married his beloved, Virginia Warner on November 14, 1953 and they recently celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary. Together they raised five children: Jan (Tom) McConville of Amboy, Phil Leffelman of Elgin, Paul (Robin) Leffelman of Amboy, Nancy (Jim) Butler of Bartlett and Rita Leffelman in heaven (died 9-4-93). They are the grandparents of Rachel (Mike) White,

Mitch (Meg) McConville, Maggie (Michael Daly) McConville, Damon (Alyssa) Leffelman and Lucas Leffelman. Their precious great-grandchildren include Kylie, Kaysen and Leo.

Sylvan was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Eva (Blackburn) Leffelman; infant brother, Michael and daughter, Rita.

Other survivors include Sylvan's brother, John (Mary) Leffelman; in-laws: Jim (Janet) Warner, Lyle (Rosella) Warner, Jim (Mary Ann) Blackburn; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Sylvan was involved in many civic and religious organizations throughout his life. He was a founding member and remained a strong supporter of the Amboy Education Foundation. Sylvan also enjoyed lecturing and distributing communion at St. Patrick's in Amboy and St. Anne's in Dixon. He was a proud member of the Amboy American Legion Post 453.

Sylvan loved people! And he believed in their inherent good, always giving them the benefit of the doubt. Sylvan was an optimist and a man of deep faith. He often expressed his appreciation for the many blessings in his life, especially his beloved, Virginia and his family.

To best honor Sylvan's memory, we believe he would simply want you to be kind to one another. Look for ways to do good for your family and your community, especially now.

We will honor both Mom and Dad with a funeral mass to be held on Wednesday June 30th, 2021 at 10:00 AM at St Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon with the Rev. Timothy Draper officiating. A private family burial of cremains will follow at St Patrick Cemetery in Amboy.

The family would also like to express their deep gratitude to all the staff at Liberty Court. They knew Dad's every like and dislike, and cared for him with great compassion and professionalism. We also appreciate Dr. Joe Welty's dedication to always providing Dad with practical and empathetic medical care.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy

816 Rockyford Rd
Amboy, IL 61310

Previous Events

Service

JUN 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon
612 S. Highland Ave.
Dixon, IL 61021
(815) 284-7719
office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net
<http://www.stpatrickdixon.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Sylvan John Leffelman*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM

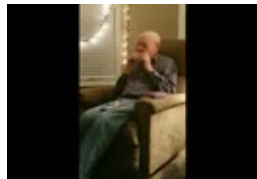


“ *Sylvan John Leffelman*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



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Nancy - December 26, 2020 at 01:04 AM



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Nancy - December 19, 2020 at 10:59 PM

JH

“ Sylvan hired me late summer 1971 through the high school job co-op program. I would have never guessed that I would work for him, I take that back, work with him until he retired many years later. We had a mutual respect for each other, where I knew what was expected of me and he knew what I expected from him.

Jerry Henkel - December 14, 2020 at 03:32 PM

NA

Jerry, thanks for writing such a thoughtful tribute to Dad and your working relationship with him. He relied on you greatly and had tremendous respect for you. Even as a little kid hanging around the store I could see that. And as his daughter, I appreciate that you were there for him, always willing to help lighten his load by taking on additional responsibility.
Sincerely, Nancy (Leffelman) Butler

Nancy - December 15, 2020 at 11:56 PM

KM

“ Our condolences to the family of Sylvan & Virginia Leffelman.
Edward & Kathy McLaughlin

Kathleen McLaughlin - December 13, 2020 at 12:45 PM

SB

“ Dear Mrs. Leffelman,

Please accept my prayers and sympathy on the occasion of the death of your husband, Sylvan. I am sure he and Sister Lorraine are having some great conversations in heaven these days. I remember him as always smiling and cheerful and such a great supporter of St. Anne School. You also are in my prayers as I am sure you miss him very much. May the peace of Christ fill you as you rejoice that Sylvan shares in that peace.

Sincerely,

Sister Marcianne, SSND

Sister Marcianne Bzdon - December 11, 2020 at 10:12 PM

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Nancy - December 10, 2020 at 01:05 AM

GS

“ Gary Sylvia Schultz lit a candle in memory of Sylvan John Leffelman



Gary Sylvia Schultz - December 09, 2020 at 09:11 AM

CC

“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers to all the Leffelman family in their great loss. Sylvan will be greatly missed by the many family and friends who loved and respected his life and business in his hometown of Amboy. Rest In Peace. 🙏❤️
Rick & Colleen Considine

Colleen Considine - December 08, 2020 at 10:52 PM

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Nancy - December 08, 2020 at 01:18 AM

CK

Nancy and Family, I am so sorry for your loss! My mom is at Liberty Court too so I just recently heard and hope your mom is on the mend. My thoughts and prayers are with you all!

Cindy (Morrissey) Kelly - December 08, 2020 at 01:26 PM

KM

My name is Kimberly and I took care of Mr. Leffelman when he first became hospice and the one thing I will remember most about him was his little grin. When I asked him about Amboy his face lit up and he asked if I was and I said yes and he said you're alright with me.... Such a great man💜

Kimberly Moore - December 10, 2020 at 02:42 AM

KT

“ Kirk, Joe, Michele & the SWP team purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Sylvan John Leffelman.



Kirk, Joe, Michele & the SWP team - December 07, 2020 at 03:09 PM

JH

“ I was one of the many caregivers to Sylvan at Liberty Court. Sylvan was an extraordinarily kind and loving man. Always showed his appreciation for any little thing we helped him with. His love for Virginia was a true inspiration, their marriage, a beautiful example I strive to emulate. He will be so very missed. With sincere sympathies to the family,
Jenni Hepner



Jenni Hepner - December 07, 2020 at 09:17 AM

KS

“ Extending my condolences to the Leffelman Family.

I have always admired Sylvan's willingness to stop and visit when I returned to Amboy.

Yes, I remember W.G. Leffelman & Sons on East Ave!

Kenneth Spratt

Kenneth Spratt - December 07, 2020 at 06:28 AM

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Nancy - December 06, 2020 at 10:36 PM

JH

*Visited them a few years back in Florida - so happy there.
Love them both!*

JANE HARRIS - December 08, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ *Great Man! RIP!*

Wayne Burgess - December 06, 2020 at 06:32 PM

CS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers with the Leffelman family. He was a great neighbor and wonderful person.*

Carol Schnaiter - December 06, 2020 at 05:08 PM