



William James O'Hare

October 2, 1925 - March 12, 2015

William J O'Hare, age 89, of Amboy, died Thursday March 12, 2015, surrounded by his daughters at Heritage Health Care in Mendota. He was born October 2, 1925 in Amboy the son of Patrick Henry and Mary (McGlynn) O'Hare. He was united in marriage to Sophie M Rajnowski at St. Andrew's Church in Rock Falls December 2, 1950, being the first couple married there. She preceded him in death August 1, 2006. He had been a diesel mechanic at Naylor's John Deere Dealership in Rock Falls for 17 years and at W.G. Leffelman and Sons in Amboy for 23 years prior to retirement. Bill was known by many as a very skilled tractor mechanic in the Lee County area. His passion in life was the repair and restoration of antique tractors as well as driving them in area parades.

He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy, Living History Antique Equipment Association, the 2 Cylinder Club, the Swingin Starrs Square Dance Club and attended Golden Meals in Amboy. He enjoyed participating in the Lee County 4-H Fair tractor pulls for many years. His last proud achievement in life came in March 2014 when he was named the Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dixon. Bill was extremely proud of his "Irish Roots" that extend to the counties of Louth and Cork in Ireland. His family came into the U.S. through New Orleans in 1846 during the height of the Irish Potato Famine.

He was also preceded in death by sisters Dorothy Hobart, Theresa Delhotal, Edna O'Hare, Mary Irene Kivisto, brothers Paul, Edward and Henry O'Hare

He is survived by 6 daughters Carol (Patrick) Gorman of Grand Detour, Cynthia O'Hare of Newport News VA, Cheryl O'Hare of Dixon, Connie (Bill) Bontz of Amboy, Dr. Colleen (Douglas) Klein of West Brooklyn, Carrie (Lt. Col. Jeffrey) O'Sadnick of Sublette stationed in Wiesbaden Germany; 13 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; sisters Rose Covert of Rockwell Texas, Marguerite "Peggy" Hoyt of DeKalb and brothers Donald O'Hare of Orland Park and Patrick O'Hare of Texas.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday March 19, 2015, beginning with a 10:00 AM prayer service in the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy followed by an 10:30 Mass of Christian Burial in St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy with Rev. Msgr. Thomas Bales officiating. Burial will follow in St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 18, from 4:00 until 8:00 PM with the Rosary at 7:30 PM in the funeral home. Memorials has been established to the St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Patrick Catholic Church and the Living History Antique Equipment Association.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy

816 Rockyford Rd
Amboy, IL 61310

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mihm-Jones Funeral Home, Amboy
303 East Main Street
Amboy, IL 61310
(815) 857-2611
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Service

MAR 19. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St Patrick Catholic Church Amboy
32 N Jones
Amboy, IL 61310

Tribute Wall



“ *William James O'Hare*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *William James O'Hare*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *So glad that each and everyone of my children and grandchildren were able to have had one last visit with their grandpa! Memories we will cherish for ever!*

Cindy O'Hare - March 18, 2015 at 11:06 AM



“ *Met Bill way back in the '60's, when he worked at Naylor's. Helped him bale hay at his mothers farm in Amboy. The man could make or fix anything...incredible talent...he knew when something was broke ,what the problem was at. I've lost a Good Friend.*

Jim Starr

Jim Starr - March 18, 2015 at 08:16 AM

JS

“ I will never forget the many trips we made to Rock Falls to visit with Uncle Bill and Aunt Sophie. For us 'farm' kids from Amboy, IL we had a ball seeing the girls in Rock Falls. Uncle Bill was a master when it came to tools, creating many things, including a go-cart that was brought to the farm on my birthday. What a thrill for a 10-11 year old, to have a prize like that. Uncle Bill had made it and what a treat. Many hours were spent driving around the farm with that 'toy'. We'll all miss you Uncle Bill. May God grant blessings and joys for his family during this time of grief and loss. John Robert

John Robert Slothower - March 18, 2015 at 08:05 AM

Cindy O'Hare

So good seeing Kathy tonite you guys r what made me the person I am today! My dad was a great guy love u Cous!

Cindy O'Hare - March 19, 2015 at 12:06 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William James O'Hare.



March 17, 2015 at 12:19 PM

DH

“ Dick & Julie Harden lit a candle in memory of William James O'Hare



Dick & Julie Harden - March 16, 2015 at 03:16 PM

BC

“ *Bonnie (Bonnell) Carson lit a candle in memory of William James O'Hare*



Bonnie (Bonnell) Carson - March 16, 2015 at 09:00 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William James O'Hare.*



March 15, 2015 at 09:16 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William James O'Hare.*



March 15, 2015 at 08:28 PM

 Linda Roberson

“ *So very sorry to hear of Uncle Bill's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Love, Craig, Linda & Trent Roberson*

Linda Roberson - March 15, 2015 at 06:52 PM

CD

“ *Cindy Devore lit a candle in memory of William James O'Hare*



Cindy Devore - March 14, 2015 at 08:55 AM

JB

“ *Jim And Marilyn Braida lit a candle in memory of William James O'Hare*



jim and marilyn braida - March 13, 2015 at 04:11 PM

NJ

“ *Nicole Jones lit a candle in memory of William James O'Hare*



Nicole Jones - March 13, 2015 at 12:38 PM

PS

“ *Pat Smith lit a candle in memory of William James O'Hare*



pat smith - March 13, 2015 at 12:36 PM