



Robert "Buddy" D. Ganswind

April 25, 1931 - August 23, 2020

Robert D. "Buddy" Ganswind, 89, of Centralia, passed away Sunday, August 23, 2020 at SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon.

Robert was born April 25, 1931 in Clinton County, the son of Walter Ganswind and Maxine (Lee) Rowekamp. In 1953, he married Bertha L. (Chasteen) Ganswind in Pickett, AR and she survives him in Centralia.

In addition to his wife "Shorty" of 67 years, Robert is survived by his son: Bill Smallwood and wife Diane of Blairsville, GA; two daughters: Marilyn (Smallwood) Lollar and husband George of Gulf Shores, AL and Tonia Oberg and husband Bill of Centralia; five grandchildren: Angel Edson and husband Michael, Brett Smallwood, Ric Lollar, Michelle Smallwood, and Taylor Oberg; six great-grandchildren: Daniel, Carrie, Ian, Connor, Cory, and Ava; and four sisters: Claudette Hlava of Madison, Donna Oakes and husband Mike of Texas, Chris Hoppes and husband Jim of Collinsville, and Lurinda Venezia and husband Larry of Bloomington.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents: Walter Ganswind and Maxine Rowekamp.

Robert was known in the community for his carpenter skills. He spent over 45 years of his life doing this trade and had built many homes over the years. He also enjoyed his hobbies of bowling, fishing, and hunting in his free time. He was of the Lutheran Faith and attended the Trinity Lutheran Church in Centralia. He will greatly be missed by his loving family and friends.

Funeral Services for Robert Ganswind will be held on Friday, August 28, 2020

at 1:00 PM at Hillcrest Memorial Park Lakeside Chapel in Centralia. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. Visitation will be held Friday, August 28, 2020 from 11:00 AM until the time of service at the Hillcrest Lakeside Chapel. The family ask those who are attending to please be mindful of social distancing, wear a mask, and any health precaution necessary to ensure a healthy environment. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to BCMW Project Bread and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Ganswind Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 11:00 AM.

Hillcrest Lakeside Chapel

Funeral Service

AUG 28. 1:00 PM.

Hillcrest Memorial Park Lakeside Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert "Buddy" D. Ganswind*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - August 27, 2020 at 03:35 PM

PH

“ *In John 10:28, Jesus says, "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.." Jesus gave our Bud eternal life, which he now enjoys...to our great comfort. In this life, we find givers...and takers . Jesus was a Giver. Buddy's life demonstrates him as a giver, after the pattern of his Savior. We can all remember and meditate on what he shared, gave to us. By faith he took the eternal life Jesus gave, and then by faith Bud shared his life and blessings with us. It's a mark of a life well lived, to the glory of God, and the blessing of those whose lives touched his. +A "brother", and receiver, Pr. Jim Hoppes.*

Pr. Jim Hoppes - August 28, 2020 at 09:41 AM

CH

“ Robert D. Ganswind "Bud" was my big brother. There are so many wonderful memories of time spent with him at the clubhouse, which he built and loved; spending 2 weeks of summer with my niece at their house; watching as my brother actually rode the roller coaster at the Highlands in St. Louis.



There is no doubt my brother had a heart of gold. One important and precious lesson I learned watching my brother as I grew up is that he was the advocate of Jesus' words, "Love One Another". He would do anything for anybody at any time, particularly his family and friends. I love him with all my heart and I will forever miss him, until we meet again.

Chris Hoppes

Chris Hoppes - August 28, 2020 at 09:09 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert "Buddy" D. Ganswind.



August 25, 2020 at 06:30 PM

DO

“ *My handsome brother ... that's how I always referred to him. Sometimes the emphasis was on "my". Bud had his 16th birthday a week before I was born. As a toddler he used to say he was going to burn me with his cigarette.*



Sounds cruel, but even at my young age, I knew he was teasing. And, it endeared him to me forever. When I was 6 or 7, he bought me a beautiful, blue dress for my birthday, though I'm sure my beautiful sister-in-law, Shorty, influenced the purchase. I still remember that dress, and I wore it for my school picture, which I still have.

This picture captures him perfectly-it's the smile. Sometimes, it was a shy smile, and sometimes it was a sly smile. I wonder what was said to him to evoke that smile? Having a brother is special, and I will miss him for the rest of my life. But, Thanks be to God that we will reunite in Heaven. To God be the Glory.

Donna Oakes

Donna Oakes - August 25, 2020 at 11:06 AM

ML

“ Paul and I are so sorry to hear of Bud's passing. Our prayers are with all of you to get through this rough time. I know, Shorty, that this will be extremely difficult for you but, I also know that your children will be with you every step of the way. I thought Bud was such a nice man and I always felt that the love shown between Bud and Shorty was wonderful. Know that you are in our hearts during this time and we are so sorry that we are unable to be there for the funeral.

Much love,

Paul and Marsha Lehmann

Marsha Lehmann - August 25, 2020 at 11:02 AM

CS

“ Sending Love and Sympathy to the Ganswind Family.. My heart is heavy to hear that Buddy has passed away.. Such a nice guy that had a good, long life.. May God give you All strength to get thru the difficult days ahead..

Praying for you all.. Sending hugs,

Cheryl Gaetti Simmons

Cheryl Gaetti Simmons - August 24, 2020 at 10:22 PM