



Willis Brands

September 14, 1924 - June 4, 2018

Obituary

Willis N. Brands, 93, of Beecher passed away Monday June 4, 2018 at Franciscan Olympia Fields hospital. Willis was born September 14, 1924 in Beecher, IL to William H. and Lillie H. Claus Brands. He was Baptized at St John Lutheran Church in Beecher. Willis was confirmed April 10, 1938 at St John. He Married Barbara Gosch on May 22, 1948 at St Paul Lutheran Ev Lutheran in Melrose Park, IL. He is survived by 3 children, Cynthia Hamilton of Plainfield, William (Laurie) of Sedona, AZ, and John Brands of Beecher. Willis worked with his father as a farmer until 1951; was a partner in Beecher Brickcrete from 1949 - 1970, worked for Washington Twp. From 1970-1972; and Crete/Monee School Dist. as a custodian from 1972-1984. He retired in 1984 because of poor health. He dealt with cancer since 1985 and a stroke in 2005. He served and held many positions at St. John Lutheran Church Eagle Lake as well as Central Lutheran School in his younger years as a trustee, on finance, on the school board when he joined Zion Beecher as Central Lutheran School. He also did all the photo/graphic work for the church's centennial book in 1954. Willis was preceded in death by his parents, parents in law, and his son in law James Hamilton. Visitation will be held Friday June 8, 2018 from 10-11 a.m. with funeral services at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Joel Dietrich will officiate. Burial will be at St. John Lutheran Cemetery.

To send flowers to Willis' family, please visit our floral section.

Tribute Wall

WS

“ Dear Barb, Cindy, Bill and John

On occasion, I look at the Hack Funeral Obituaries and was sad to read of your husband and father's death. I have many wonderful memories of your family and they always makes me smile. You are a wonderful family that I will always care about. May Willis rest in peace and rejoice in the Lord's eternal gift of heaven. Pie Jesu!

Love always,

Wendy Waterman Stralow

Wendy Waterman Stralow - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

DN

“ *Our sincere sympathies to the family. I remember Willis as a good neighbor and such a quiet, kind man. Our prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

Dianne and Jim Newberry (née Nelson) - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

DM

“ *Sorry for your loss, Barbara, Cindy, Bill, and John. Would love to give you words of comfort and see you at the wake. We are on vacation and won't be back until late Friday.*

Darceta Mueller - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

LG

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family at this very difficult time. May you find comfort in God's word the Bible at Revelation 21:3,4.*

L Gray - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM

NH

“ Dear Barb and Family- Our sympathy to you all, as you grieve your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Neil & Ruth (Bernhard) Herzog - October 02, 2019 at 03:48 PM