



Fred Vahlkamp

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DECATUR – Fred J. Vahlkamp, 84, passed away at 7:45 pm, July 20th at St. Mary's Hospital, surrounded by his family. He died of complications from Parkinson's Disease.

Fred was born August 14, 1933 in Carlyle IL the son of John and Rose Vahlkamp.

Fred served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956 and was stationed in Germany.

He married Mary Jo Hilmes on August 20, 1959.

He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1963 with a Mechanical Engineering Degree.

Fred worked for Caterpillar as a Plant Engineer from 1967 until his retirement in 1992.

In addition to working at Caterpillar he and his family owned and operated Vahlkamp Fruit Farm on Garver Church Road.

Fred was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Perpetual Adoration Team at St. Mary's Hospital, Legion of Mary and the Pana Prayer Group.

Fred is survived by his wife Mary Jo of nearly 59 years; Children, Teresa Smith (Jeff Nosek), Steve (Connie), Stuart, Vern and Diane (Joe) Conover; Grandchildren, Matthew, Stephen and Brian Smith, Kaley and Colby Vahlkamp, Jada, Gianna and Grace Conover; Brother Vernon (Helen), Sisters; Willene Fehrmann, Rosemarie (Ray) Husmann, Lillian (Jack) Fleckenstein, Mary Huwa, Lee (Dan) Love, Brother-in-law Ralph (Carol) Hilmes and Blanche Drake (Bob Eversgerd). He was preceded in death by his parents John and Rose Vahlkamp, brother Jack and sister-in-law Jane Vahlkamp, sister Colette, brother-in-law Paul Fehrmann and sister-in-law Mary Margaret Hilmes.



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Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 pm Wednesday, July 25th at Moran and Goebel Funeral Home 2801 N Monroe, Decatur. Funeral Mass will be Thursday July 26th at 11 am with visitation at 10am at Our Lady of Lourdes Church 3850 Lourdes Dr, Decatur.

Memorial donations may be made to WDCR, Decatur Catholic Radio or Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

The family of Fred Vahlkamp is being served by Moran & Goebel and cremation services, 2801 North Monroe Street, Decatur, IL 62526. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at www.moranandgoebel.com



Tribute Wall

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KC

Kathy Cinotto posted:

Mary Jo and Family, Fred was such a gentleman. It was always a pleasure to see you both praying together at Pana. There was a gentleness about him and an aura of peace in both your presence that I miss. I have a lot of health issues going on and may not be able to attend the funeral, but I will never forget Fred or you. Fred will be celebrating with other Pana Prayer Warriors and those who have gone before him. May, Our Lady wrap you all in her mantle of love and peace.

July 25 at 3:46 PM

MS

Mark Snoke posted:

Stuart, I am sorry for your loss. No words will take the pain away of losing a father. We can take comfort though in knowing that death is not forever. It is merely a stepping stone into eternity with Jesus. They will be waiting for us when it is our time to crossover. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. Mark Snoke Caterpillar

July 25 at 1:13 PM

BR

Bill Royer posted:

Mary Jo and Family, It was with sorrow that I received the news of the loss of Fred. I felt a closeness to the Vahkamp family. I always enjoyed working with Fred, at Caterpillar and enjoyed the times we spent together at your home or other activities away from work. I was deeply touched that Stuart, took the effort to track me down on my cell phone to make sure I knew of the loss of his father. You have a strong family established by the standards Fred set in his life. Other commitments prevent me from attending the visitation and funeral, but my heart is with the Vahkamp family during this time of rejoicing and sorrow. Fred was an outstanding man, husband, and father.

July 25 at 11:28 AM

SW

Sylvia And Matt Werner posted:

We pray for your family and send our deepest sympathies! Matt and Sylvia Werner Castle Rock, CO

July 24 at 5:37 PM



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RL

Ralph H. Langhauser- posted:

Dear Mary Jo and Family; Ruth Ann & I are expressing our deepest sympathy in the passing of Fred. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. Sorry, we are not able to attend the wake & funeral Mass for Fred. Love; Ralph & Ruth Ann Langhauser

July 24 at 5:14 PM

RL

Ralph H. Langhauser- posted:

Dear Mary Jo & Family; Ruth Ann and I express our deepest sympathy with the passing of Fred. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Sorry, we are not able to attend the wake and funeral Mass for Fred. We are now in the Cedarhurst here in Breese. We have separate apartments, she is in the memory care area due to her having Parkinson's and dementia and I am in the assisted care area. Every day is a new day ! We pray every day watching Mass on EWTN and do a rosary every evening. We will offer the Mass Thursday morning in Fred's memory..... Cousins; Ralph & Ruth Ann Langhauser

July 24 at 5:00 PM

DB

Darryl Brinkmann posted:

Fred was a great role model to those of us fortunate enough to work with him in Decatur Plant Engineering. Faith, family, work ethic, integrity, a fast walker; Fred had it all. He was responsible for many of the work process fixtures that helped make the Decatur Plant such a success. His life was truly a celebration.

July 24 at 6:04 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Fred by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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