



George J Gagnon, Jr

October 19, 1932 - February 27, 2019

George James Gagnon, Jr. 86, of Decatur passed away at 9:15 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27th peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born October 19, 1932 in Marshall, Minnesota, the son of George and Theresa Olsen Gagnon. He married Ruby Smith on June 30, 1950 in Marshall, Minnesota. She preceded him in death on April 7, 2013.

George was a charter member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Decatur. He retired from Iron Workers Local 46 and Lasco, Inc after 45 years. He volunteered for a number of local organizations, and enjoyed fishing. Over the years, he and Ruby traveled to nearly all the 50 states.

He is survived by six children, Mark (Laurie Starks) Gagnon of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; Mike (Karen) Gagnon of Decatur; Monica (Dave) Nicholls of Oreana; David (Maranda) Gagnon of Decatur; Doug Gagnon of Decatur; and Diane (Bret) Beaver of Springtown, Texas; 17 grandchildren; and 27 great grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister, Julie (Perry) Schumacher of Marshall, Minnesota; two sisters-in-law, Sharlene Gagnon of Cerro Gordo; and Violet DeVos of Marshall, Minnesota; many nieces and nephews; as well as special friend, Sharon; and his dog, Chip.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is preceded in death by a sister, Mildred; and three brothers, Stanley, Emmett and Fran.

A funeral mass will be held Saturday, March 9th at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Decatur. Burial will follow at Cerro Gordo Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday evening, March 8th from 5 to 7 p.m. at Moran and Goebel Funeral Home in Decatur.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Charities, Habitat for Humanity, or Operation Enduring Support.

Condolences may be shared with the family at <http://www.moranandgoebel.com>.

Comments



“ We will miss seeing George at all the family gatherings, parades and charity events around Decatur, always with a smile. Seeing him out dancing in his 80s was always an inspiration to us.Loved your dad!

Pete Nicholls and Laura Cation - March 08, 2019 at 07:07 PM



“ Michael, David and family,It is with deep regrets that I will not be able to attend the visitation or funeral because of health reasons, It was my pleasure to become friends with George at Habit projects and it lasted for over 20 years. George was a leader at Habitat and was always available to answer questions. It was my pleasure to know and work with George.Norm

Norman Lienemann,, - March 08, 2019 at 06:24 PM



“ I'm sorry to hear of George's passing. He was a good friend and neighbor to my parents and sister, George, Lavena and Carol Hill.You have my deepest sympathy.

Cheryl Hill Sachan - March 08, 2019 at 06:09 PM



“ My husband, Jesse Parsons, worked with George at Habitat for Humanity for many years. He respected and enjoyed him very much. I'm sure he would have a good story to tell. My prayers are that you find peace in your memories. Not many of the "old" crew left at Habitat!

Louise Parsons - March 07, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ I worked with George building houses for Habitat and from the first day I showed up he was helpful and very patient with me. I learned SO much from him – about fixing things, building things and life in general. He shared Ruby’s rhubarb cake recipe with me and often shared rhubarb from his garden with me – that’s how I got the nickname “Rhubarb”. I feel very blessed to have had him in my life and I will miss him but will never forget him. Sincerely, Barb Janes

Barbara Janes - March 06, 2019 at 05:07 PM



“ George and Ruby were truly the perfect couple. Friends with my parents, George was always ready to assist any individual in distress. Wonderful couple/wonderful family. Was privileged to have worked on several jobs with George, as I am a retired electrician.

Steve Wrigley - March 06, 2019 at 04:25 PM



“ I worked with George and his crew on the PPG job when I was an apprentice Ironworker. He was always nice to me and I enjoyed working for him. God Speed, George.

Bob Hadden - March 06, 2019 at 09:01 AM



“ Mike, Karen and family, so sorry to hear of the loss of your Father. Sending you prayers and love at this very sad time.

Nancy Martin-Maxfield - March 05, 2019 at 07:06 PM



“ Thinking of George makes me think of the old neighborhood. George and Ruby always made you feel welcome. Thoughts and prayers to the entire family. Rest in peace George.

Bob Sullivan. (Sully) - March 03, 2019 at 02:54 PM