



Reuben G. Reuter

March 28, 1929 - October 19, 2014

Reuben G. Reuter (aka Roy, Uncle Bud, papa), 85, of Marengo passed away at home on hospice surrounded by family after years of fighting heart disease.

Reuben was born in Barrington to Fred and Clara Reuter. He was raised on a farm in Barrington, when it was time for him to attend high school the family moved to downtown Barrington across the street from the Jefferson Ice Co. This is the site of the current Ice House shopping/restaurant area.

As a child he was the youngest with one brother (Elmer) and 3 sister; Esther (Wendt), Florence (Peterson) and Millie (Jaquet). After high school, he went to work for Paddock Publication initially working in the typesetting department and moved to classifieds spending his career at the newspaper. He decided to retire in 1991 as they were bringing computers into the workplace. He was one of the first employees to be recognized as Employee of the Year.

Reuben met his wife of 64 yrs, June at the Blue Moon dance hall; they were married just before he shipped out to the Korean Conflict. Upon his return, they resided in the Palatine area and had five children, Susan (Steve) Faber, Ron (Connie), Cindy. The joy of his later life were his 2 granddaughters, Amanda (Matt) Janusz and Kate.

In 1969 they built a home in Marengo and has remained a Marengo resident since. He was a long time member of the Union Legion where he would come in after work every Fri. night to help his wife with the fish fry. He was also a member of the Union Lions club. Reuben

was very faith based and loved going to church rarely missing a Sunday, usually followed by breakfast at Dinos with the family. He made the effort to get to church up to the last few weeks of his life, being a long time member of St. Johns UCC in Union. Since he was a child, Reuben loved to go fishing. Many of the family vacations involved a fishing cabin, and upon his retirement they bought a cabin on a lake in Wis. Every year there was a family vacation to such places as Las Vegas, Jamaica, and Ireland. He was able to visit Germany where his ancestors originated and most recently traveled three weeks in a RV cross country for a family wedding. Up until the time of his death, he was the happiest surrounded by his family. He is preceded in death by his parents, siblings and 2 infant sons. He leaves his wife and family to mourn the loss of a great person.

The family would like to extend a special Thank You to dad's caregiver, Joel, who facilitated his being able to be home during these past 7 difficult months.

Visitation will be on Thursday evening, Oct. 23 from 4 to 8 pm at St. John's United Church of Christ, 17824 Jefferson St., Union and will continue on Fri. Oct. 24 from 10 until the 11am Service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to a memorial fund in his name at St. Johns United Church of Christ in Union.

Comments



“ I wasn't able to attend Roy's funeral, and am back in town and wanted to extend my personal condolences. "Way Back When" I was you youngster at my family's Paddock/Herald. Roy would put up with my youthful enthusiasm ... with always a pleasant smile and comment.

He was a big help to us all -- big in terms of being able to handle those chases of type on the stones in the back shop, and big in terms of his years of committed work and skill.

Knowing him was one of the benefits and pleasures of being in a family newspaper. From the obituary, it seems that he lived a full life and full of family.

He set a good example.

Yours truly,

Bob Paddock (Jr.)

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