



Elden Leonard Pfaff

May 19, 1934 - June 21, 2022

It is with great sadness the 67 ½ members of the Pfaff Family mourn the death of Elden Leonard Pfaff, 88, of Huntley, Illinois. Elden passed away on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at Northwestern Hospital in Huntley, surrounded by his family.

Elden was born on May 19 1934, in Downers Grove, IL to Arthur and Ruby Pfaff. After his mother's passing at 14 months, he was raised by his father and loving sisters Elizabeth Hanrahan, and Ethel Mochel. Elden graduated from Downers Grove High School in 1952 and started out as a dairy farmer.

He met the love of his life and soul mate, Jo Ann Staffeldt, at the age of 14 and they were married on January 22, 1955, a true love story, caring for each other through joy and hardship, in health and the harsh reality of sickness. Elden and Jo Ann had eight children and are survived by Dennis (Darlene), David (Terri), Kathleen (Mark) Watson, Karen Pasholk, Dean (Sally Jo), and Dale (Tammy Jo), 23 grandchildren, 32 ½ great grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren

As a teen, he traveled by train showing cattle at fairs in the Midwest. Elden was an independent man and entrepreneur, moving his pregnant wife and four children to Huntley in 1960. After farming, he started a sales career selling farm implements, AMC cars, and GMC Trucks. He spent many years at Ben

Hansford Chevrolet where he was the top pickup truck salesman for several years. He was a visionary before his time; a sweet corn stand, opened Pfaff's Pub on Main Street in the 70's, eventually opened Pfaff's Auto Sales ("the largest auto dealer in beautiful downtown Huntley"), and U-Save Auto Rental, and ending his career at Reichert Chevrolet in Woodstock.

He never lost his ability to spot a good car, great wheels, or a good deal. He loved a \$2 bet, a dry martini, antique tractors, polkas, the Cubs, and a good cigar.

He was a strong, faithful man of Catholic faith, who loved his wife and his family profoundly. He hopes his legacy of faith/love of spouse, and family commitment will continue through the generations of Pfaffs.

Elden is preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Ruby Pfaff; his stepmother, Rose Pfaff; his sisters, Elizabeth Hanrahan, and Ethel Mochel; his sons, Darrell, and Joseph Pfaff; his grandchildren, Tracy Brettschneider, and Nathan Pasholk.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, June 27 at 10:00 AM at the St. Mary Catholic Church, 10307 Huntley Road, Huntley, IL 60142. Following cremation, Elden will be buried in St. Mary Cemetery.

Visitation will be Sunday, June 26 from 1 to 7 PM at James A. O'Connor Funeral Home, 11603 East Main Street, Huntley, IL 60142 and will continue Monday at the church from 9 to 9:45 AM.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **26**. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

James A. O'Connor Funeral Home
11603 E. Main PO Box 74
Huntley, IL 60142
(847) 669-5111
jaoconnorfh@att.net

Visitation

JUN **27**. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church
10307 Dundee Road
Huntley, IL 60142

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Elden Leonard Pfaff*

January 17, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *April and Jim Ryan. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elden Leonard Pfaff.*



April and Jim Ryan. - June 27, 2022 at 01:23 PM



“ *The Kanis Family purchased the Beautiful Whisper for the family of Elden Leonard Pfaff.*



The Kanis Family - June 26, 2022 at 02:32 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Elden Leonard Pfaff.*



June 24, 2022 at 07:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elden Leonard Pfaff.*



June 24, 2022 at 06:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elden Leonard Pfaff.*



June 24, 2022 at 04:38 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elden Leonard Pfaff.*



June 24, 2022 at 03:02 PM



“ *This pic is Elden.*



Becky Fruin - June 24, 2022 at 02:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elden Leonard Pfaff.*



June 24, 2022 at 02:32 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elden Leonard Pfaff.*



June 24, 2022 at 01:52 PM



“ *Another Huntley Legend has left us:(Elden was a Live Loving person. My most recent memory of Elden is the Marengo FFA Tractor Ride. What a trouper to be out there driving through the country side at his age!!!! I swore I had a picture of him with Joan and my mom and dad. I only could find these videos. Lots of great memories with the Pfaff Family over the years. Prayers for all of you Love Becky Fruin*



Becky Fruin - June 24, 2022 at 01:30 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of our Uncle Elden. Uncle Elden and Aunt Jo were always happy, positive family members that we loved seeing. Even though we lived farther from them and didn't get to see them often, we enjoyed the time we did get together.

One of my favorite memories was when Uncle Elden and Aunt Jo started a Family Reunion get together in the summers. It's been a while, but I think they were in Huntley at the city park.

It was great to get together with all the grandparents, aunts and uncles and all the cousins from the Hanrahan, Schroeder, and Pfaff families.

Uncle Elden will be missed and I will pray for our extended family as we all grieve the loss of a blessing of a man.

Love,

Jason Neef (Elizabeth Hanrahan's grandson)

Jason Neef - June 24, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elden Leonard Pfaff.



June 24, 2022 at 10:58 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Elden Leonard Pfaff.*



June 24, 2022 at 09:49 AM



“ *My absolute favorite photo of us and will always be a beautiful memory of such a special day... the day I became a Pfaff. □*



Kasey Pfaff - June 24, 2022 at 08:35 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Elden Leonard Pfaff.*



June 22, 2022 at 02:23 PM