



Daniel Lee Awald

April 26, 1934 - March 4, 2022

WALKERTON – Daniel Lee Awald of rural Walkerton passed away on Friday, March 4, 2022 in his home following an illness. He was born in rural Starke County on April 26, 1934 to the late Ward Verland and Katheryn Elizabeth (Stover) Awald and was 87 years-old at the time of his death.

He lived in the area most of his life and on August 22, 1964 in Wanatah, IN he married the love of his life, the late Shirley Jean (Bessler) Awald. He was a retired School Teacher having taught at Morgan Township Schools for over thirty years and later part time at Oregon-Davis Schools. Dan was a Veteran of the US Army and a member of the Walkerton United Methodist Church. He was also: a member of Masonic Lodge #266 of North Liberty; North Liberty Scottish Rite, South Bend Valley; Order of the Eastern Star #290, North Liberty; Past Worshipful Master of both Walkerton and North Liberty Eastern Star Lodges; Past Most Wise Master of Rose Croix Chapter; he was a 33rd Degree Mason; was Past President of the Indiana Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association; and the Past President of Indiana Beef Cattle Association.

Dan is survived by: one sister Janet Johnson of Princeton, IL; five nephews David, William, and Paul Johnson, and Marshall and Terry Bessler; and Godchildren Alyxandria and Brock Kitchel. He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

A Memorial Service will be at Noon EST Saturday, March 12, 2022 at the Walkerton United Methodist Church with a Gathering of Family and Friends one hour prior to the service, also at the church. The Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel is in charge of arrangements. To leave on-line condolences please visit Dan's obituary at <http://www.rannellsfuneralhome.com>.

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

1505 Morthland DR.
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Previous Events

Gathering of Family & Friends

MAR 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Walkerton United Methodist Church
1000 Georgia St.
Walkerton, IN 46574

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ Dan and Shirley were the ones who answered a call for help when our family needed a home. We became his closest neighbor and friends and eventually we purchased the home that Dan grew up in. There are still marks in the closet that was a growth chart. Both Dan and Shirley were very kind and caring people who truly loved their farm life and we learned a lot from them through the 27 years we knew them. Teaching was their true calling and we will miss them both for years to come. My God Bless Dan and Shirley with a beautiful farm life in heaven as we know that's where they'd want to be.

Dave and Patty Hartkemeyer

Dave and Patty Hartkemeyer - March 12, 2022 at 07:51 AM

LC

“ Our deepest sympathy, he was a dedicated servant to agriculture education and FFA. He will be missed.

From your Indiana FFA Family

Lisa Chaudion - March 10, 2022 at 02:56 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Daniel Lee Awald.



March 10, 2022 at 11:02 AM

MA

“ Our most sincere sympathies from the other Dan Awald and his wife Mary Ann @ Koontz Lake.

Mary Ann Awald - March 08, 2022 at 01:14 PM

LA

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of Dan. He is at peace with our Heavenly Father. We will miss being around his effectous smile.
Lynda Awald

Lynda Awald - March 07, 2022 at 02:55 PM

MI

“ Mr Awald was a teacher at Morgan Township when my Dad, Donovan Guilford, was principal. He was a kind gentleman and Dad's friend for years even attending Dad's 100th birthday.
Condolences to his family

Marcia Guilford Illig - March 07, 2022 at 09:11 AM

AA

“ We were neighbors for over sixty years. He is going to be missed by many. My sincere sympathy to Janet and all of his loving family. He has been welcomed home 🙏🙏
Anna Anderson



Anna Anderson - March 06, 2022 at 02:12 PM

NH

Mr Awald taught Agriculture ,Shop and was My FFA Instructor and Advisor to our chapter while I was in High School. As a freshman were each given a gilt and when she farrowed had to donate back another gilt and many started their project thru this record keeping process. But it was his love of Beef Cattle that allowed us to bond even after , high school and college. Even coming to the Porter County Fair in July 2021 and staying for lunch. A very kind and nurturing individual with much encouragement to many in their chosen career paths....He will be missed as a Community Leader ! former student Neil Hannon

Neil Hannon - March 07, 2022 at 12:59 PM