



Duane F. Williamson

November 1, 1923 - February 22, 2019

ROLLING PRAIRIE-Duane F. Williamson passed away peacefully on Friday, February 22, 2019 at Miller's Merry Manor, New Carlisle, IN, following an illness. He was 95 years of age at the time of his death.

Duane was born November 1, 1923 in Hampshire, IL to the late William H. and Iva E. (Beard) Williamson and lived in rural Rolling Prairie for most of his life.

On June 17, 1945 in Rolling Prairie, he was married to Donna Halter, who preceded him in death along with his parents; daughter, Gail Hull; three brothers, Ellis, Wilbur and Lee; and one sister, Ellen Ritzler.

He is survived by one daughter, Wendy (Mike Kulusa) Blair of Rolling Prairie; three grandchildren, Michelle (Kris) Rannells of Hamlet, Mathew (Tia) Blair of Rolling Prairie and Donna Hull of LaPorte; six great-grandchildren, Ashley Blair, Brittne Rannells, Makenna Blair, Kara Blair, Tessa Blair and Erik Paniccia; and one great-great-granddaughter, Emilie Blair.

Duane was a retired supervisor who worked hard his entire life building roads throughout Indiana for the Indiana Department of Transportation. He was a former superintendent for the LaPorte County Highway, a member of the Rolling Prairie United Methodist Church and the LaPorte County Republican Men's Community. He loved building things, gardening, playing cards and talking about both politics and anything Abraham Lincoln.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. CST at the Rolling Prairie United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at the Rolling

Prairie Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday at the church from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CST. In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial contributions be made to the Rolling Prairie United Methodist Church. Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel is handling arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Rolling Prairie Cemetery

Rolling Prairie, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church
Rolling Prairie, IN

Service

FEB 27. 12:30 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church
Rolling Prairie, IN

Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Diane Williamson-Casto lit a candle in memory of Duane F. Williamson*



Diane Williamson-Casto - February 25, 2019 at 06:20 PM

MR

“ *Grandpa, to all the life lessons you taught us , when we just thought we were having fun. To the many stories and tractor rides. You made the Best mashed potato doughnuts! I will carry a part of you with me every day, because without your love and support, I would not be half the person I am today. Love Mish*

Michelle Rannells - February 25, 2019 at 01:47 PM

GA

“ *Sincere sympathy is extended to Duane's family. Always enjoyed talking with Duane as we shared an interest in local history and Abraham Lincoln.*
Gloria Arndt

Gloria Arndt - February 25, 2019 at 11:18 AM

JH

“ *Wendy: sorry to learn of the passing of your Father. It was such a pleasure and honor knowing him and cutting his hair for many years. We always had a lot of laughs and Mom enjoyed all the i=old times talks they had. May he rest in peace.*



Judy Harenza - February 25, 2019 at 08:38 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Duane F. Williamson.*



February 24, 2019 at 10:27 AM



“ *Dear Wendy & Family:*

Our hearts are saddened on Uncle Duane's passing; however, he leaves us with so many warm memories at family gatherings that occurred often with the Wililamsons. Our mother, Ellen, Duane's one & only sister, cared deeply for her younger brother & Duane carried that on as Ellen aged & lived out in Minnesota with our family. He was so caring to make many calls & cards to check in with her. Our hearts & prayers are with you at this time of reminiscing the many years gone by. Love,(Niece)Kathy & Ron Hooley

Kathleen Hooley - February 23, 2019 at 11:35 AM



*I shall always remember Duane from school days so long ago,When softball or baseball was played in the back field of our farm and the boys from rolling would come on a Sat, Duane was always there that too seems a century ago, When I first saw Duane at Best Years about five years ago, the first thing he reminded me about was coming with his Dad to our place to buy a goat, and said you lived in the Holler, and I said No Duane we lived on the hill not the holler. Pleasant and wonderful memories, God be with you Duane as you entered the gates of his kingdom, where pain and sorrow are no more.
Constance Sayles Reynolds*

Constance Sayles Reynolds - February 25, 2019 at 09:25 PM

CT

I learned so much from this man about integrity, honest days work and how to enjoy what you do. I will miss our conversations about work and politics. Rest in peace you lived a good life and deserve a rest.

Clay Turner - February 27, 2019 at 10:35 AM