



Austin A. Vandenheuvel

October 7, 1931 - January 24, 2022

Austin A. Vanden Heuvel, 90 of Lake Bluff formerly of Lake Forest & Highland Park, IL passed away on January 24, 2022. He was born October 7, 1931, in Kaukauna, WI to Martin and Gertrude (nee Hartjes) Vanden Heuvel.

Austin was a loving, gentle and thoughtful husband for 31 years of Marlene “Molly” (nee Bonk); devoted father of Susan (David) Hosier, Mark Vanden Heuvel, Gary (Liz) Vanden Heuvel and Scott Vanden-Heuvel; adoring grandpa to Jill Jamison, Monica Jamison, Katie Niekamp, Michael Vanden Heuvel, Sean Vanden Heuvel, Megan Rogers, Amber Emken, Megan Voit, Zoe Pawelczak; dedicated great-grandpa to Charlotte, Toby and Piper Eisenhut, Carter Vanden Heuvel, Anna and Leah Niekamp, Gordon Margolis, Evan Rogers, Jaxon, Jamison and Jemma Jones; dear brother of Eileen Northway, the late Ivola (Theresa), the late Rita and (Dick) Worden, Jim (the late Hazel (Kay), Bob (the late Anna May), Vince (Betty), Owen (Jean) and Dianne (Clete) Nelessen. Beloved stepfather to Molly’s children Greg (Jeannie) Bonk, Jeff (Christine) Bonk, and Kathy (the late Brian) Early; as well as eight step grandchildren and fourteen step great-grandchildren. Austin is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Austin was a proud member of the Local 250 Carpenters Union for 45 years. He served as the Union president for 25 years where he and Molly took many memorable trips around the country for annual meetings. He was proud to

have served his country as a member of the U.S. Army. Austin was a devoted member of the Church of St. Mary in Lake Forest, where on any given Saturday service could be found ushering congregants to their seats.

Per his wishes, Austin will be cremated, and a Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, May 20, 2022 at 10am at the Church of St. Mary, 175 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL. Interment will follow at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be the Lydia Home Adoption Association at 4300 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, IL 60641, 773-355-5577 or online at <https://www.lydiahome.org/donate>.

For more information, contact Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest at 847-234-9649 or www.RTfunerals.com.

Cemetery Details

Ascension Cemetery

1920 W. Buckley Road
Libertyville, IL 60048

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAY 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

Church of St. Mary
175 E. Illinois Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Interment

MAY 20 (CT)

Ascension Cemetery
1920 W. Buckley Road
Libertyville, IL 60048

Tribute Wall

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“ My father was a good person. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was always kind to everyone he met. Growing up, we would always go to Immaculate Conception Church every Sunday where my father was an usher. We would stop on the way to and from church to pick up a wonderful woman that had lost her legs, and my father would help her to and from the door every Sunday. There was another woman who's name I can't remember that was blind that we would bring to and from church. She told the most wonderful stories about the outdoors. I never understood as a child how she could know so much without her eyesight.

My father was always running. He was actually walking, but the speed that he walked was the speed that most people ran.

My father and I didn't see eye to eye when I was younger, but the older I got and the older he got the closer we became. It was sad seeing him grow old and start to lose his memory. His once quick step had turned to a slow shuffle of a walk. He had his good days and his not as good days. I don't think that he had digressed to the point of ever really having bad days. As I said, we had become closer every year and for over the past 25 years, we had become very close. I would have done anything for him and I miss him.

I love you dad!

Scott

Scott Vanden Heuvel - April 27, 2022 at 11:02 AM

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“ My condolences to the family of Austin , my brother Nello Picchetti was very very good friends with Austin. I knew him well also, Stella Picchietti. Austin was one of the good guys. May he rest in peace 🙏

stella picchietti - February 06, 2022 at 12:59 PM



Thank you Stella

Scott Vanden Heuvel - April 27, 2022 at 10:50 AM