



Willard Baldwin

May 1, 1945 - July 8, 2018

Willard Wayne “Smiley” Baldwin, age 73 of Merrillville, formerly of Mason, WI, passed away on July 8, 2018 as a result of an automobile accident. He was a veteran of the United States Marines. Will retired from Hilti and Union Tank Company in East Chicago. He was a member of the Indiana American Legion. Will is survived by his wife of 39 years- Jacquelyn (nee Cramer) Baldwin; 1 son- Christopher A. Baldwin; 3 sisters- Sandra, Barbara, Judy; 1 brother- Henry. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point. Friends may visit with Will’s family on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. Rev. Gary Butler officiating. Services will conclude at the funeral home.www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 14. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ John and I send our condolences to you, Jackie and Christopher. We remember you well and pray for you during this time of loss. May the good memories bring a smile and help you in the days ahead.

John Skanse - July 13, 2018 at 09:05 PM

GQ

“ Will was a great person whom I have come to know in church. he will be missed by many, especially by those who loved him. He now is with the Lord forever. Rest in peace my friend.

George Quigley - July 12, 2018 at 07:20 PM

GG

“ Dear Jackie & Chris: So very very sorry, may our Lord Jesus comfort you. Will always friendly, Saw you both at church and always warmed my heart. Love Germaine Garcia

Germaine Garcia - July 11, 2018 at 06:36 PM

CR

“ On behalf of the Ondossagon High School class of 1963, we wish you peace and comfort in this time of sadness, but at the same time remembering our friend and classmate with fond memories.

Curtis Rahn - July 10, 2018 at 01:12 PM

“ I went to school with the kid we used to call “Willy” for twelve years back in Mason and Ondossagon. He was always a tough kid. Everybody wanted him on your side playing football at recess, because nobody wanted to try and block him if he was on the other team. He could run track like nobody’s business. I remember one time in Phy-Ed class in high school, I had to wrestle him, and he whipped me good. I’m sure he was a perfect fit for the Marines.

Willy and I were in the same church confirmation class of three in Mason in the eighth grade. He used to ride his bike into town to class – a bike for which he saved bottle caps and won in the bottle cap auction they used to have back in those days. Don’t remember the number, but it was in the thousands.

He was the most tenacious and diligent kid in our high school class towards homework, studying in the back of the bus to and from school every day. He often asked me on the bus to help him with math homework, as he had a particular interest in learning math.

One anecdote I remember about him was back in grade school when we were studying crop rotation; the teacher asked, “What grows the first year?” The answer was oats or wheat or something like that. Then, “What grows the second year?” Silence from the class. Then Willy, who usually never said much in class, piped up and said, “quack grass”. Cracked everybody up, and earned him the nickname Willy Quack from us guys.

Another time in high school shop class, he was making a bowl on the lathe. For some reason the bowl let loose from the lathe and went rolling across the shop floor – Willy in hot pursuit in hopes of catching up with it before the shop teacher saw what had happened.

Although I haven’t seen him in fifty-five years, I remember Willy with fondness and as a friend. My thoughts are with you, and of him, during this time.

Curt Rahn

Curtis Rahn - July 10, 2018 at 12:38 PM



Irvin
Canady

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this journey of grief, may you find peace for the road ahead, GOD is with you!*
Irvin & Faye Canady, Valparaiso IN

Irvin Canady - July 10, 2018 at 12:42 AM