



Bobby Gene Berry

December 3, 1928 - March 11, 2020

Bobby Gene Berry born Dec. 3, 1928, in Exeter died, Mar. 11, 2020, at the age of 91. Bobby (Mick) was the 2nd of 4 children of Roy and Marie Thorne Berry. He married Irma Dean Mueller and they had five children.

Surviving is wife, Irma Dean Berry of Bluffs; children, Danny Berry of Bluffs, Katherine (Kevin) Harrington of Jacksonville, Robin (Tammy) Berry of Bluffs, Patricia (Jim) Phelps of Jacksonville and Paulette (Ronald) Staake of Meredosia; 10 grandchildren, Kimberly (Matthew) Parker, Kyle (Megan) Berry, Trisha Sayre, Kristofer Harrington, Julia Phelps, Dylan (Heather) Phelps, Caroline Sturgeon, Shanna Smith, Shawn Berry and Michelle (Matthew) Holmes; 11 great grandchildren and sister, Margaret Baulos of Springfield. He was preceded in death by brother, Billy Berry and sister, Patricia Patterson.

Bobby enjoyed his life and loved his family. He could entertain his family with stories about his life growing up with all the “characters” from his family and friends (and Boots his dog) in Exeter. He was a good source of how it was to be a teenager during WWII. Dad never knew a stranger and enjoyed talking to new people. He was, as his grandson said, a “genuinely funny person, who had admirable ability to take one day at a time.” Dad loved to sing and dance. He would sing as he fed the animals on the farm. He was singing “You are my Sunshine” to the folks dining with him during his short stay at the nursing home. Dad attributed finding the “love of his life, Irma” due to his ability to

dance. Dad always made us feel like he really enjoyed our company. He often called us girls, “sugarbabe” and greeted the guys with “Hello, young man” and a strong handshake. He made us feel special. He was supportive and saw the best in all of us.

A funeral mass will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday, Mar. 16, 2020, at St. Mark’s Catholic Church in Winchester with interment in Gillham Cemetery outside of Winchester. Visitation will be held prior to the service 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at the Daws Family Funeral Home in Winchester. Memorials are suggested to St. Mark’s Catholic Church or Elara Care Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Gillham

Winchester, IL 62694

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Daws Family Funeral Home - Winchester
657 N. Main
Winchester, IL 62694
(217) 742-9553
mackeydawsfuneralhome@yahoo.com

Mass

MAR 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mark's Catholic Church
33 N. Maple St.
Winchester, IL 62694

Tribute Wall



“ *Bobby Gene Berry*

January 28, 2023 at 11:11 AM



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*Tom Loyd
Arlington, Virginia*

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“ *Joy Graves sent a virtual gift in memory of Bobby Gene Berry*



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