



Charles "Bud" Yohnka

October 3, 1934 - August 21, 2020

Charles "Bud" Yohnka, age 85 of Kankakee, passed away on Friday, August 21, 2020 at his home with his family at his side. Charles was born on October 3, 1934 to Clarence C. and Hazel (Farmer) Yohnka in Kankakee. He married Ann Schilling on May 3, 1958 in Momence.

When Charles was growing up, he was involved with raising and showing dairy cattle in 4-H and still had his champion trophy which he was proud of. He also enjoyed doing tractor pulls at the fair. His whole life was dedicated to farming. He was a man of service. He was involved in numerous community groups including Kankakee Service Company, Heritage FS, Farm Bureau and was on the Growmark System. Bud also served as Superintendent of the 4-H Rabbit Barn. He was a man of faith. He was an active member of Asbury United Methodist Church. He chaired and served on many committees. He especially enjoyed being an usher during Sunday services.

Charles's family is his wife, Ann, his three children, Kevin C. Yohnka in Heaven, Kim Yohnka of Kankakee and Keith (Lisa) Yohnka of Momence, grandchildren, Rachel (Nick) Garza of Texas, Charles D. (Samantha) Yohnka of Momence, Andrew Yohnka and special friend Michelle of Lake Village, Laura Yohnka of Momence and Tim (Kaliegh) Yohnka of Momence and great granddaughter Harper Yohnka and two more on the way. He is also survived by two special cousins, Virginia Barnes of Evansville and Richard Yohnka of Bourbonnais.

Charles enjoyed having pie with his Bakers Square family on Wednesday. He

never met a stranger. When asked how he was, his reply was always “better than some and worse than others” and when asked “how are you feeling”, his reply was “with my fingers”. His witty responses and goofy terrible one-liners will be missed dearly. The family would like to give a special thank you to Uplifted Care Hospice for the outstanding care provided.

Memorials may be made to Asbury United Methodist Church organ fund or Kankakee County Bureau Foundation Kevin C. Yohnka Memorial Scholarship. Cremation rites have been accorded. Due to the Covid 19 restrictions, the family will have private gathering at a later date.

Please sign his guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall



“ Charles "Bud" Yohnka

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ Mrs. Yohmka, Kim and Keith - I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Having lost my own father 3 years ago, I understand how it feels to loose the Patriarch of the family. May your memories of him lighten your heart and be an inspiration for your family's future generations.



Lisa Toulon - October 28, 2020 at 10:57 PM



“ Ann and family, so sorry to hear of Bud's passing. My sympathy to all.
Evy (Mrs. Milford) Bjelland of former Grundy Business Service, Morris.

Evy Bjelland - September 23, 2020 at 09:51 PM



“ Bud was a close personal friend and instrumental in guidance to me and his love of farm cooperatives. Thankfully he worked hard to form Heritage FS. There were many difficult decisions during Buds Presidency and he was on top of all. Bud was a gentle and kind LION.
Ann Keith I'm extremely sorry for Buds passing. Know my heart goes out to you. Memories of Bud will live forever.

Ron Asher

ron asher - August 31, 2020 at 02:11 PM

GF

“ *The Flageole Family sends their sincere condolences to your family. So many wonderful memories with the Yohnka Family.*

George & Suzette Flageole - August 30, 2020 at 01:30 PM

KH

“ *So yo hear about Bud sending my love and prayers to his wife Ann, and his children Keith and Kim..... I remember you all from the Rabbit club from many years ago May he RIP*



Kim Senesac Hazzard - August 30, 2020 at 11:04 AM

CT

“ *Buddy, some of us called him "Sam" in those days, was a great friend in High /school. We shared a few late night adventures. Buddy's physical strength was legendary in the neighborhood. So Sam is with his Lord now Ann, and we can look forward to meeting again one of these days. God Bless you all. Charlie Thompson*

Charles Thompson - August 29, 2020 at 11:48 PM

RB

“ *My condolences to the Friends and Family of Charles Yohnka. Sincerely Robert Berns*

Robert Berns - August 28, 2020 at 11:04 PM

CO

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Yohnka’s passing. Mrs. Yohnka, Kim and Keith I send all my hugs! He was such a nice guy. He always had the corniest jokes and loved it best if you groaned rather than laughed at them. I hope he rests peacefully and he and Kevin are up there talking about how good the crops look this year. ❤️❤️❤️

Chris Orenbas - August 28, 2020 at 01:12 PM

JP

“ Bud and Ann’s Family were one of the first to welcome us at Asbury UMC. Many memories have been made with them throughout the years. The Palmateer kids (Charli, Jared, and Brandi) are going to miss “Grandpa Bud.” We all will.

Julie Palmateer - August 26, 2020 at 06:57 PM

RN

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Bud and I served together on the Heritage FS Board of Directors and also on the Growmark Board of Directors and became very good friends. His sense of humor and wit were always evident in our time together and he will be deeply missed.
Rick Nelson

Richard A Nelson - August 26, 2020 at 03:08 PM

JD

“ I will always remember Bud as part of our Kankakee County Fair days. Our dad spent a lot of time together, Bud in the Rabbit barn and our Dad in the poultry barn. It was always fun when it rained during the fair... the barns would get flooded, rabbits and chickens would always get out and we'd have to catch them. Some very hot weather during the fair too, but we always had great times!!! RIP Bud. You'll forever live in the memories of those who knew you!!! Sincerely, John Sharkey Jr. & Julie Sharkey Dinkins



Julie & Bob Dinkins - August 25, 2020 at 09:54 PM

 Steve West

“ r.i.p. bud you will be missed by all

steve alice and noah west



Steve West - August 25, 2020 at 12:13 PM

RM

“ Mr. Yohnka was a strong supporter of the Kankakee County Farm Bureau and it's Foundation scholarship program. He has left a strong legacy. May he rest in peace.

Rose Devine Mitchell - August 25, 2020 at 11:04 AM