



Robert Essington

December 13, 1949 - August 17, 2023

Robert Essington, age 73 of Herscher passed away on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at his home. He was born on December 13, 1949, at St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee, the son of Delbert and Viola (Landry) Essington. Bob married Janette Sorensen on December 27, 1968, in Kankakee.

Bob was a diesel mechanic for Vulcan Materials Company and a journeyman iron worker. He went to Nashville Auto Diesel College. Bob was accepted into the first iron workers apprenticeship program and graduated first in his class. He worked as a journeyman iron worker for seventeen years alongside his father-in-law and many lifelong friends. Bob's favorite saying was "I can heat, beat, work up high, and take total charge." After working iron, Bob finished his work career as a diesel mechanic with Vulcan Materials Company at Lehigh. He helped many people in the area by fixing anything with an engine. If it had an engine, he could fix it.

One of Bob's fondest memories is that of "The Essington Olympics" those who know, know.

He was a member of the Herscher Historical Society and Herscher Jaycees. Bob was of the Methodist faith.

Surviving is his wife of fifty-four years, Janette of Herscher; one son, Kevin Essington of Haywarden, IA; one daughter, Rebecca (Craig) Runner of Limestone, IL; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Jean Deno of Naples, FL, Diane (Gary) Depoister of Edgewood, IL; four brothers, Leroy Essington of Gilbertsville KY, Ronald Essington of Beaverville, IL, Dennis Essington of

Tucson, AZ, Donald Essington of Limestone, IL; three grandchildren, Brennan Love, Chloe Arens and Noah Arens.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents, Delbert and Viola Essington and his in-laws, Charles and Dora Sorensen.

Bob will be deeply missed by those who knew him best.

This was written by his son, Kevin. Mom says, "Thank you Bobby for a wonderful 56 years."

Cremations rites have been accorded.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Schreffler Funeral Homes, Kankakee.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Janette Essington lit a candle in memory of Robert Essington*



Janette Essington - February 28, 2025 at 03:13 PM

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My friend,my partner in crime. Our time alone before he became so sick was unbelievable. Bob was not what he portrayed on the outside. He was such a gentleman and would defend his family no matter what.. He was A Man's Man as well. I miss him.💔💔💔

Janette Essington - February 28, 2025 at 03:19 PM

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“ *Rest in Peace, Brother.*

Don and Jeanne Essington

Don Essington - February 21, 2025 at 08:30 PM



“ *Purple Violet Yellow Wildflower Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Robert Essington.*



August 27, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Essington.

August 27, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ Carol Carnahan lit a candle in memory of Robert Essington



Carol Carnahan - August 24, 2023 at 05:11 PM



“ Sorry for your loss, Janette, Becky and Kevin and families. Cares and Prayers to each and everyone. Dana and Bob Warhurst

bobby warhurst - August 24, 2023 at 02:54 PM



“ Dear Janette, Becky and Kevin,
We are sending our condolences to you at this difficult time.
M.J. and Mac Cleeland

Mary Jane Cleeland - August 23, 2023 at 10:02 AM



Janette and family you have my sympathy. We went to high school together. Maybe sometime I get to my mom's we can get together.
Cheryl (Howe) Walker

Cheryl Walker - August 23, 2023 at 11:11 PM



Dear Janette, Becky and Kevin, Condolences to you . He will be missed. James & Mary Essington

James Essington - August 27, 2023 at 06:05 PM



I will miss him coming to the Herscher Pilot office each week to buy a newspaper. He was such a pleasant person.

Janet Mau - August 28, 2023 at 11:28 AM