



Warner Diefenbach

June 15, 1922 - June 28, 2018

Warner Diefenbach, 96, of Bonfield passed away on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at the home and farm where he lived his entire life. He was born on June 15, 1922 in Bonfield, the son of Louis and Anna (Piper) Diefenbach.

Warner was a 1940 graduate from Herscher High School and an FFA Alumni. He took over the family farm at a young age and became a lifelong and respected dairy and grain farmer. He was a member of the Kankakee County Farm Bureau since 1946 and was an associate and elected Director of the Kankakee County Soil and Water for 27 years. He enjoyed going to farm meetings, C.I.G.C. monthly meetings and Kids Day at the farm. He later became a member of the Central IL Green Club.

He was an active member and served in many of the positions at Grand Prairie United Methodist Church; and was also involved in their work missions –traveling outside the United States 14 times. A lover of music, he sang more than 65 years in the church choir, both solos and duets.

Warner and his late sister, Florence Rose lived together and kept the home farm in operation. They participated in the Rural-Urban Exchange Program sponsored by the A.M.P.I. Dairy Association.

His favorite sports teams were the Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears.

Warner is survived by many Diefenbach relatives, his Grand Prairie Church family, and his farming neighbors & friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister Florence Rose Diefenbach.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 from 9am until the 11am funeral service at Grand Prairie United Methodist Church in Bonfield. Burial will follow at Grand Prairie Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Grand Prairie United Methodist Church or the Grand Prairie Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Grand Prairie Cemetery

Route 17 W.
Bonfield, IL 60913

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grand Prairie United Methodist Church
PO Box 66
Bonfield, IL 60913
(815) 932-7619

Funeral Service

JUL 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Warner Diefenbach

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ Warner and Florence Rose were my cousins. When I was young, my brothers and I spent a couple weeks of a few summers with them in the 1960's and early 1970's. I loved the farm life and being with them was one of my favorite life experiences. I was-able to speak to them a few times throughout the years and will always cherish the times I spent with them. I am so sorry for your great loss.

Lisa Wagner - July 5, 2019 - New Mexico

Lisa Wagner - July 05, 2019 at 01:46 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. Ron Ramsey

Ron Ramsey - July 13, 2018 at 11:56 PM



“ Warner was a kind, helpful neighbor. He was always there to lend a hand. He told the best stories, too. He will be missed by many!

Gerald & Kathy Schmidt - July 10, 2018 at 06:31 AM

CG

“Joyce and I have many fond memories of working with Warner on Agriculture-In-The-Classroom and Farm Bureau activities. His devotion to God and church, agriculture, and the western Kankakee County community will be long remembered by all whose lives were enhanced by his friendship.

Thank you, Warner, and Rest in Peace.

Charlie and Joyce Grotevant

Charlie & Joyce Grotevant - July 05, 2018 at 03:24 PM

RM

“Mr. Diefenbach was a kind and gentle man and it was always a pleasure to see him when he visited the Farm Bureau office. A wealth of history in our community farming is lost with his passing.

God has another warrior by his side and now the farmers have a very strong advocate with God's ear. He will be missed by many in our area. May he rest in peace.

Rose Devine Mitchell - July 02, 2018 at 07:53 AM

BS

“Warren was a kind man who made us feel welcome when we moved in down the road from him! He was energetic and fun loving. We will miss him.

Beth Scanlon - July 02, 2018 at 03:57 AM