



Russell Henry Molenaar

February 6, 1940 - March 3, 2010

Russell Henry Molenaar, age 70, of Rensselaer, IN passed away Wednesday March 3, 2010 at his home. He was born on February 6, 1940 in Rensselaer, Ind. to Andrew and Della (Worley) Molenaar.

Russ attended Barkley school and graduated from Rensselaer High School, Class of 1958. On July 21, 1961, he married Alma Lou Biggs in Rensselaer, Ind.

Russ started out farming with his father. In 1960, he worked for his brother-in-law Jack Hielema in construction and building new homes. In March of 1964, he started working for Local #41 Laborers Union and was elected to the executive board. In 2002, Russ retired from the International Laborers Union of North America. Upon his death, he was a member of good standing for 46+ years. He also worked for Sam Hamstra Jr. with his farm and part time for the Indiana State Highway Dept..

Russ was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Sons of the American Legion, the Men's Auxiliary of the VFW, Moose Family Fraternity, North American Fishing Club, and the National Rifle Association. He loved to hunt and fish and the outdoors was his second home. He was a thoughtful man, and loved helping his grandsons to hunt, fish and shoot targets. He was proud of all his grandsons in their many accomplishments that they achieved.

Russ was also an avid fan of John Wayne and never missed any of his movies. When anyone needed help with anything, Russ was always willing and able to lend a helping hand.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Ronald (Bonnie) and Michael (Mary) Molenaar both of Rensselaer; six grandsons, Michael "Rusty" (Juanita "Nikki") Molenaar, Cody, Dylan, Colt, Shayn and Morgan Molenaar and one great-granddaughter due to arrive April 2010; one brother, Wayne Molenaar of Rensselaer and one sister Delores "Dori" Heilema of DeMotte. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews, Dan Emery, Kathy Rowe, Steve and Jeff Molenaar.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother-in-law, Arnold "Jack" Heilema, one nephew, Herb Emery and one great niece, Paige Molenaar.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
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Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Russell Henry Molenaar

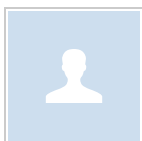


Jackson Funeral Chapels - March 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Alma - I'm so sorry to hear about Russ. The pictures were wonderful, thanks for sending the DVD. It brought back many wonderful memories of visits to the farm. I remember when Russ got the Tennessee Walker horse - he was so proud of it and love making it rear, I was really impressed and wanted a horse just like that so I could be like my cousin. Our prayers are with you. Love -
Jeanne###imported-begin###Jeanne (Fleming)
Chamberlain###imported-end##

March 16, 2010 at 09:19 PM



“ Wish i could have been at the funeral. Yuo were in my thoughts and prayers Aunt Alma,Ron & Mike###imported-begin###susan###imported-end##

March 09, 2010 at 12:59 PM



“ Alma and family, so sorry to hear about your husband and father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Larry & Lola Miller##imported-end##

March 08, 2010 at 05:23 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all during this difficult time. Russ will be missed by all who knew him.##imported-begin##Dennis & Judy Black##imported-end##

March 08, 2010 at 10:03 AM



“ Russ was one of my Dad's greatest friends, I remember as a young boy hanging out with Ron and Mike(his sons), and Russ...memories that will be with me forever.
S/F
Chuck Malinski##imported-begin##Chuck Malinski##imported-end##

March 06, 2010 at 09:10 PM



“ Our prayers and thoughts go out to all of you. Love you!##imported-begin##Byron and Barbarie Rude##imported-end##

March 06, 2010 at 08:45 PM



“ Alma & family,
Sorry to hear about Russ. I'm in Kansas so will miss viewing. Our condolences to you and family. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Bill & Janet Wakeland##imported-end##

March 05, 2010 at 12:17 PM



“ To The Molenaar Family & Friends: I labored summers with Russ back in the early 70's, and he was one of the kindest, hardest working men I knew. Over the years, he helped Dad (Al Malinski, now deceased) whenever Dad needed help, or just someone to talk to. You all have my deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Bruce Malinski##imported-end##

March 05, 2010 at 05:56 AM



“ Alma & family; I was sorry to learn about the passing of Russ. He was a good natured soul and will surely be missed.##imported-begin##Michael W Campbell##imported-end##

March 05, 2010 at 03:54 AM



“ Rip
Love you. Miss you##imported-begin##rusty molenaar##imported-end##

March 04, 2010 at 10:34 PM



“ Ron we were so sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in the days to come. God Bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Dave & Becky Walter##imported-end##

March 04, 2010 at 09:55 PM



“ Ron, So sorry to hear about your Dad. Sympathies to you and your family.
Kim##imported-begin##Kim (Todd) Smith##imported-end##

March 04, 2010 at 09:13 PM



“ russ was one of the nicest people we ever met over 30yrs ago he helped dale to join local41 and it has meant alot to our family.Russ was a great friend and we will miss him!##imported-begin##dale and tina conley##imported-end##

March 04, 2010 at 05:37 PM



“ Please accept our condolences in the loss of your husband, father, grandfather.##imported-begin##Floyd and Jane Lord##imported-end##

March 04, 2010 at 03:04 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Russells passing,
you have our prayers and condolences.

*PTL, Donald Larry/Helen Stotler##imported-begin##Larry
Stotler##imported-end##*

March 04, 2010 at 01:51 PM