



Armand "Shorty" Dannewitz

November 21, 1931 - April 12, 2019

Armand H. "Shorty" Dannewitz, 87, of Somonauk, IL passed away peacefully Friday, April 12, 2019 at his home in Somonauk. He was born November 21, 1931 in Somonauk the son of Harry and Lillian (Johnson) Dannewitz. He met his first love, Joan Michael, in sixth grade and married her in 1952. He was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Somonauk, IL and a proud veteran of the United States Army.

He spent his entire life farming and often said he never needed to gamble because he spent every day betting on the weather. In addition to the love of farming he sold DeKalb Ag seed corn for many years and was a Somonauk Township Road Commissioner for thirty years. Shorty was a man of many ideas, was always one step ahead, and the guy you would call when you needed help.

Shorty enjoyed many years of sports as an accomplished athlete in softball, bowling, and golf. He cherished playing rounds of golf with friends at home and in Florida. In his later years he loved the companionship of his close friend Cindy Westbrook. On many occasions he told his family that he didn't know how he got so lucky to receive the love of not one, but two wonderful women in his life time.

He is survived by one son, Larry (Jackie) Dannewitz of Sandwich, IL; and one daughter Laurie (Thomas) Guest of DeKalb, IL. He was the proud grandfather to Lauren (Daniel) Hoyt, Andrew (Ashleigh) Dannewitz, Evan Guest and Ellie Guest. Three great grandchildren, Charlotte and Everett Dannewitz and Caden Hoyt, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Joan, six sisters and six brothers-in-law.

The family would like to thank Dr. Erik Englehart and his staff, Northwestern DeKalb County Hospice for the amazing care provided.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, April 19, 2019 at St. John's Lutheran

Church in Somonauk, IL with Pastor Chris Schoon officiating. Private burial is planned at Oak Ridge Park Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m., on Friday, April 19, 2019 in the church until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the charity of your choice. For more information or to sign the online guest book go to www.EighnerFuneralHomes.com

Turner-Eighner Funeral Home
13160 W. RT 34 ~ Box 404
Somonauk, IL 60552
(815) 498-2363

Cemetery

Oak Ridge Cemetery
Suydam Rd
Sandwich, IL, 60548

Events

APR 19 **Visitation** 10:00AM - 01:00PM

St. John's Lutheran Church
235 S. Green St., Somonauk, IL, US, 60552

APR 19 **Memorial Mass** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ To the Dannewitz family from Phil and Chris Morel our deepest and sincere condolences he always had a joke and a smile that said hello friend.

phil morel - April 19, 2019 at 09:18 AM



“ Dolores Smiley & family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Armand "Shorty" Dannewitz.



Dolores Smiley & family - April 17, 2019 at 09:30 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Armand "Shorty" Dannewitz.



April 16, 2019 at 04:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Armand "Shorty" Dannewitz.



April 16, 2019 at 07:58 AM



“ Laurie and family, I send my sincere sympathies to you and your family. I remember you introducing me to your dad when he rode shotgun on one of your trips after your mom had passed. So glad I got to meet the man that so many people thought so much of.

Toni Weeks - April 15, 2019 at 01:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Armand "Shorty" Dannewitz.



April 14, 2019 at 04:41 PM



“ All the stories I have heard from Laurie about Shorty show what a great man and dad he was. I am so sorry for your loss, I know you will miss him. He was lucky to have such a great family and friends. You are all lucky to have had this wonderful man in your life. May he find peace now.
Lori Klinka

Lori Klinka - April 14, 2019 at 02:31 PM



“ We all know these days are coming , but it is still never easy. I remember the friendship that my Dad, and Shorty had. Neighbors, farmers, and road commissioners. All those days and nights out plowing snow , looking across the fields to see if Shorty's trucks were still out, and the day when Dad was out of town, and Shorty came to pull us out of the ditch when a turn went wrong. Sort of fitting that we are getting snow as I enter this; angel tears for a snow plow man. God bless, and rest in peace.

Scott Ehrhart - April 14, 2019 at 09:00 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Armand "Shorty" Dannewitz.



April 13, 2019 at 10:23 AM



“ It was a true blessing when Shorty picked my son Dennis to be his kid. An unusual bond started with a 13 year old boy and a 80 year old man and just grew stronger and remained strong to the end. May you all remember the many memories you made. May your hearts heal and your family stays strong. Our prayers are with you all.

Dennis&Debbie and DJ.

debbie ferguson - April 13, 2019 at 09:07 AM



“ Our sincerest condolences. We're in Europe now and received this sad news. Our prayers are with Shorty and his family. May he rest in God's hands for eternity. Len & Kathy Wass

Len Wass - April 13, 2019 at 07:09 AM



“ Larry and Laurie and Cindy too "When someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure. May you treasure all your memories of Uncle Armand. He will be missed by family and friends, Hugs. Janice Hann

Janice Hann - April 12, 2019 at 09:30 PM



“ Larry and Jackie - and Cindy, too - I want you all to know my sincere thoughts and prayers are with you. Shorty was a good man. And a good man to all. I know my dad thought a lot of him. Stay strong and remember the good times. JoAnn (Christopherson) Bowen

JoAnn (Christopherson) Bowen - April 12, 2019 at 08:40 PM



“ Your schoolmates- Jim, Pam, Meg & Michelle purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Armand "Shorty" Dannewitz.



Your schoolmates- Jim, Pam, Meg & Michelle - April 12, 2019 at 07:15 PM



“ Death takes the body. God takes the soul. Our mind holds the memories. Our hearts keep the love. Our faith lets us know we will meet again. Love, Cindy

Cynthia Westbrook - April 12, 2019 at 07:10 PM