



Merwyn Laney

October 21, 1931 - March 31, 2019

Merwyn Laney, 87, of Manteno, passed away Sunday (March 31, 2019) at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

He was born Oct. 21, 1931, in Fowler, Ind., the son of Ezra and Mabel (LaFave) Laney. Merwyn married Sandra “Sandy” Laney on Aug. 6, 1960, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno.

Merwyn was a farmer, worked at Roper and was a custodian and bus driver for Manteno School District.

He was a charter member of St. Joseph’s Knights of Columbus Council 11358, where he served multiple years and was Grand Night, Member of McNamara 4th Degree Assembly 202, served on the honor guard and managed Manteno Food Pantry.

Merwyn volunteered at St. Stanislaus Kostka Soup Kitchen in Chicago, was an auctioneer and announcer for the Peotone Fair in the Horse Arena, was recognized as Manteno Citizen of the Year in 2009, was an intergral part of the St. Joseph’s Jamboree Committee, volunteer of St. George Dragons 4-H Club, and member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno.

His hobbies included visiting Amish country, attending tractor pulls, showing livestock, being active in county fairs and attending grandkids’ sporting events. He was a lifelong Hoosier fan. Merwyn also enjoyed having coffee with the McDonald’s coffee group.

Surviving are sons, Samuel “Sam” and Susan Laney, of St Anne, and Michael “Mike” and Shelly Laney, of Bourbonnais; brother, Russell and Julie Laney, of

Inverness; four grandchildren, Brandon Laney and fiancée Amanda Nelson, of Aroma Park, Meghann and Lucas Miller, of Chebanse, Luke Laney, of Bourbonnais, and Jude Laney, of Bourbonnais; and one great-grandchild, Delylah Miller, of Chebanse.

Preceding him in death were his wife; daughter, Suzann Laney; and sisters, Gwendolyn Laney and Carol Pilsbury.

Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, at Brown-Jensen Funeral Home in Manteno. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 4, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno, with the Rev. Al Heidecke officiating.

Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Manteno.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or to Masses.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Manteno, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Jensen Funeral Home
21 N Main St
Manteno, IL 60950

Service

APR 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
207south Main St
Manteno, IL 60950

Tribute Wall



“ *Merwyn Laney*

October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *Matt And Sharon Miller lit a candle in memory of Merwyn Laney*



Matt and sharon miller - April 04, 2019 at 08:16 PM



“ *Darcy Drummer lit a candle in memory of Merwyn Laney*



Darcy Drummer - April 03, 2019 at 06:58 PM



“ *Janet Rust lit a candle in memory of Merwyn Laney*



Janet Rust - April 02, 2019 at 07:17 PM



“ 195 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Brown Funeral Home - April 02, 2019 at 02:39 PM



“ *Merwyn you will be sadly missed in Manteno sorry we could not be there to say goodbye. Our thoughts and prayers our with you and your beautiful family. Mike & Val Palmateer*

mike & val palmateer - April 02, 2019 at 11:35 AM



“ *Grandpa Laney was always there for you. He went out of his way to help others and ensure everyone was taken care of. He was very loved and adored his great grand daughter, and all of his grand children. It's hard to find someone as caring and loving.*



Meghann Miller - April 01, 2019 at 06:59 PM

BH

“ *Bryan & Joelene Hays lit a candle in memory of Merwyn Laney*



Bryan & Joelene Hays - April 01, 2019 at 10:37 AM

JN

“ *Merlin was such a kind man. He will be missed. Sorry to be out of town to personally extend our sympathy.*
Kevin & Janis Nugent

janis Nugent - April 01, 2019 at 09:43 AM

DD

“ *My thoughts and prayers to the family.. he was one of many Custodians that worked for Manteno School Dist. Mr. Laney will be missed.*



Denise Delaney - March 31, 2019 at 11:20 PM

SL

“ Rest In Peace Merwyn he was a selfless man that always thought and did for others before himself. I am so thankful for the blessings in life he has given me. My husband and 2 wonderful sons. He has paved a path not many can follow but we will forever try to live up to the man he was. Miss you today and everyday until we meet again. Love you ❤️



Shelly Laney - March 31, 2019 at 09:55 PM

MC

Beautiful picture! We both are so sad to here this news. Merywn was a kind man to so many people and loved his wife and family. He will be missed.

mike and margaret cochran - March 31, 2019 at 11:21 PM

TM

I worked at Manteno Middle School when Merwyn was a custodian there. No matter what kind of day I was having, Merwyn would make it brighter with his smile and his friendliness. May you rest in peace, Merwyn.

Teresa Mahoney - April 02, 2019 at 03:19 PM

RP

Mr. Laney was one of the first people I met when moving to Manteno in 1988. Remember fondly how he extended a hand of kindness and always welcomed me by name when he saw me. Rest in peace, Mr. Laney.

Ronda (Roni) Wolterstorff-Veld Peters - April 02, 2019 at 06:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Merwyn Laney*.



March 31, 2019 at 08:09 PM