



## Walter J. Brust

July 2, 1929 - August 6, 2023

Walter J. Brust, age 94, peacefully passed away at his home on Sunday, August 6, 2023, surrounded by family.

He was born in Cairo, Illinois on July 2, 1929, the son of Elmer Leo and Freidaline (Baumgart) Brust. On November 5, 1949, he married Ruby F. Gaskill in Ullin, Illinois. He worked as a welder, a millright, retiring from Caterpillar Tractor, and did autobody work. He was also a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Manteno. Walter enjoyed traveling extensively in the US with Ruby, his wife, in their RV. He enjoyed watching NASCAR and collecting NASCAR memorabilia. His dream was to be a racecar driver, and he got to experience that at age 70 in Homestead, Florida.

Surviving Walter are his son, Randy (Sandy) Brust of Manteno; daughters, Patty Noble of St. Louis, Peggy (Ronnie) Snodsmith of Manteno, and Kelly Brust of Kankakee; one sister-in-law, Patsy Britt of Indiana; brother-in-law, Vaughn (Nora) Gaskill of Oregon; six grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his beloved wife of 69 years, Ruby Brust; one brother, Alfred Brust; sister, Norma Hoss; and his parents.

Visitation for Walter will be held at Brown-Jensen Funeral Home in Manteno

on Friday, August 18, 2023, from 3:00PM until the memorial service at 5:00PM. Burial will remain private at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Manteno.

Memorials may be made to the Uplifted Care of Bourbonnais.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Manteno, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 18. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

AUG 18. 5:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Walter J. Brust*

October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *A friend for 50 years; a co-worker at Caterpillar; a hunting buddy in the deer woods and a great person to sit with around a campfire and share some stories . Even though Walt ended his hunting efforts with the rest of us several years ago his presence was always felt as we reminisced previous seasons and the enjoyment he provided. R.I.P. my friend !*

**Bob Hand** - August 17, 2023 at 03:32 PM



“ *Walt was a great friend. Les and I had great memories of all the trips and camping and fun that we had with Walt and Rudy. Randy, Patti, Peggy and Kelly so sorry for your loss. Loved Walt and Ruby so much.*

**Sarah Grosvenor** - August 09, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *Bryan & Joelene Hays lit a candle in memory of Walter J. Brust*



**Bryan & Joelene Hays** - August 09, 2023 at 04:01 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Walter J. Brust.*



August 09, 2023 at 12:09 PM



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

August 09, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *I remember the teasing Walt used to lay on me , He was alright guy ..*

**Hank Vinson** - August 09, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ *Walter taught me how to paint cars. Spent many an evening at Millers watching him prep and paint cars. Always chewing on a cigar. I was watching him do some hammer and dolly work and he looked up and said I'm rearranging the molecules. Cracked me up. Then he said Well that's what I'm doing. Was a good friend. So sorry for your loss.*

**Francis Reick** - August 09, 2023 at 08:13 AM