



## Wendell Kent Milton

August 2, 1927 - October 26, 2022

Wendell Kent Milton, 95, of Manteno, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 26, 2022.

He was born August 2, 1927 the son of Ellsworth and Valeda Milton, and grew up on the family farm in Rockville Township. Wendell was a veteran of the United States Army and a member of the Honor Guard. He met Patricia Gavelek shortly after leaving the service and they married on January 18, 1948 at her family home in Mountain View, CA.

Wendell was a devoted family man and loved spending time with his family, and later with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Both he and Patricia enjoyed travelling the world, going to many interesting countries and having many adventures. He enjoyed farming for most of his life, and like many who farmed, he would often discuss the weather with anyone he met.

Wendell is survived by his beloved wife of 74 years, Patricia Milton; his five children, Juliene (John) Forrestal of Bourbonnais, Janet Skuba of San Jose, CA, John (Connie) Milton of Santa Clarita, CA, Jim (Terri) Milton of Abilene, TX, and Jennifer (Jim) Milton-Houlton of Louisville, KY; a brother, Robert Milton of Kankakee; 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brothers: Wayne (his identical

twin), Sherman, and Dale Milton, and two sisters, Fostine Schwark and Vesta Klafta.

A memorial service to celebrate Wendell's life will be held at Manteno United Methodist Church on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 11am, officiated by Rev. Lana Robyne, and followed by a luncheon fellowship.

Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care of Bourbonnais.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Manteno United Methodist Church  
Manteno, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wendell Kent Milton*

October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *Sending love and hugs, Pat. Wendell was such a great man. Always loved coming to your farm for a teacher gathering. Condolences to the family. I won't be able to attend the memorial service, but you'll certainly be in my thoughts.*



**Marianne Brooks** - November 15, 2022 at 02:23 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Wendell Kent Milton.*



November 13, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wendell Kent Milton.*



November 09, 2022 at 08:13 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Wendell Kent Milton.*



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November 09, 2022 at 07:39 AM



“ *It always felt like a party whenever Wendell and Pat came to town. There was laughter and fun and stories and always card games! Wendell and Pat made us all feel like family. What a gift! What a blessing. We appreciate being invited to share in the party. With Love, Sue, Larry, Melissa, Heather, Michelle, Alex and Chelsea Rueff.*

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**Sue Rueff** - November 09, 2022 at 07:32 AM



“ *I was born on November 16, 1951, which was also the date that Uncle Wendell almost lost his leg in a corn picker. Fortunately, he survived and continued to farm for many years. It seems appropriate that the end of this harvest season marks the end of his earthly life. Wayne has been waiting for him this past year, and now the twins are together again!*

*submitted by Penny Milton Holm*

*(Would someone please explain Wendell's nick name, "Potts")*

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**Penny Holm** - October 31, 2022 at 10:12 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wendell Kent Milton.



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October 30, 2022 at 09:09 PM



“ What a wonderful husband and father Wendell was. I have so many fond memories of spending the night at Jenny’s house. Her room was upstairs and cold in the winter, Wendell would say “Oh, come on now, don’t complain. Just but more blankets on. You’re tougher than that!” He’d end a conversation with Jenny’s friends with a “Well, okay kiddo.”  
His family and friends will miss him dearly. He was a special and kind person. Deb (Laninga) Hodgett

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**Deb (Laninga) Hodgett** - October 29, 2022 at 04:57 PM

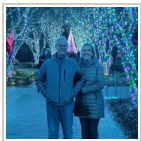


“ So sorry for your loss. It's hard to believe that the twins are gone, but now they are together in heaven finishing each other sentences. Prayers for all. 🙏❤️



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**Celeste Milton** - October 29, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ I have many fond memories growing up with the family. It always amazed me how Dad and Wendell would finish each other's sentences. I know they are all together in heaven. Our prayers are with the entire family. With love, Bill and Vicky Weidling

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**Vicky Weidling** - October 29, 2022 at 08:46 AM

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“ So sorry to hear but oh my what a life he lived! I had the pleasure of meeting both Wendall and his lovely wife (jen's mom and dad) many times while they visited in Kentucky. He was such a character. I will NEVER forget while dropping my son off to spend the night, I went upstairs and WEndall was walking around in his tighty whities oblivious to my being there. He just kept talking and walking around!

Our sympathies to Jenny, Jim, Alex and Aja and of course all other family and friends. Much love, Fran DuRivage and Gerry, Luc and Emma Brazeau.

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**Frances M DuRivage** - October 28, 2022 at 05:33 PM