



## Raymond Quellhorst

March 28, 1922 - January 4, 2017

Raymond Louis Quellhorst, age 94, beloved father, grandfather, great grandfather and great-great grandfather died peacefully on January 04, 2017 at the Good Samaritan Society in Fennimore, Wisconsin.

Ray was the oldest son born to Raymond Joseph Quellhorst and Nellie Marie (Tragesser) Quellhorst in Tipton, Indiana on March 28th, 1922. In 1935 Ray and his family relocated their farm to Lebanon IN. After graduating from Pinnell High School he proudly served his country in the US Navy during World War II.

Ray married Kathryn Louise (Jones) on December 31st 1947, a union that lasted over 50 years until her death on June 21st 1998. Together they had twelve children, six boys and six girls, inspiring each of them to be the best they could be with hard work and perseverance.

Ray and his brother James worked the family farm in Lebanon Indiana until 1960 when Ray and Katie moved their growing family to a farm they had purchased just east of Boscobel, Wisconsin. In addition to farming, Ray was a chef at the Cottonwood Supper Club while working at Milk Specialties. Ray eventually worked his way up to plant manager, sold the farm, and moved into town.

After several years as plant manager at Milk Specialties he moved to Marshfield to manage Lynn Dairy.

In 1976 they moved to Pollock, South Dakota where Ray was the general manager of Twin Dakota Dairies until his retirement. Upon retirement Ray built a very popular supper club known for its fabulous food and famous "Canoe Salad Bar". This was in addition to operating their Variety Store.

After Ray and Katie sold those businesses he spent countless hours in his work shop making everything from furniture to bird houses. He was a skilled carpenter who gave his family many hand-made gifts that will be cherished by generations to come. Ray also grew massive productive vegetable gardens that he happily shared with friends and neighbors.

After his wife Katie passed away, Ray moved back to Lebanon Indiana to be near his brother and sisters. He later married Mary (Green) Bruner who died in 2012.

In 94 years of life Ray marveled at the vast changes he witnessed in the world. As a child he traveled to school by horse and buggy. When asked what he attributed his longevity to, he simply said, "Love".

Ray is survived by five daughters: Deborah (Bob) Gorsuch of Boscobel, WI; Belinda (Jerry) Granger of Richland Center, WI; Julia (Sam) Nelson of Prairie Du Chien, WI; Sheila (Charles) Mickelson of Spring Green, WI; and, Michelle "Mitzi" (Spencer) Ryckman of Independence, IA.

Four sons: Thom (Mitzi) Quellhorst of Liberty, TX; Chris (Linda) Quellhorst of Tripoli, WI; John (Sharon) Quellhorst of Ferryville, WI; and, Ben Quellhorst of Gooding, ID.

Daughter-In-Law Rose Quellhorst of Bismarck, N.D, and Son-In-Law Blaine

Lutz of AZ.

Thirty grandchildren, forty eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Two sisters, Madonna (Benny) Campbell and Jeanette (Gerald) Padgett and Sister-in-Law Barb Quellhorst all of Lebanon, Indiana.

Three step children; Alvin (Kaye) Brunes, Linda Turley, and Sharon (Fay) Isenhower.

In addition to his parents, Ray was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Kathryn Louise (Jones) Quellhorst, his second wife Mary Brunes (Green) Quellhorst, infant son Daniel Joseph, son Michael Raymond Quellhorst, daughter Mary Ann Lutz, infant granddaughter Angela Quellhorst, infant great-grandson Tanner Quellhorst, infant great-grandson Malachi Wetter, brother James Quellhorst, sisters Bernice (Bill) Cleary, Martha (Paul) Thrine, Delores (Bob) Thoma and Mary Helen (Bill) Wiley.

The Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2017, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 319 East South Street, in Lebanon, Indiana.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service on Saturday, at the church in Lebanon.

Interment with Military Rites will follow at the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Lebanon, Indiana.

Myers Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

935 East Washington Street  
Lebanon, IN 46052

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
319 East South Street  
Lebanon, IN 46052

## Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Quellhorst*

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November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *Sending sympathy to the Quellhorst family. I saw Belinda at the Boscobel airport this fall and shared some good Boscobel memories..*

*JULI Ulve Ferraro  
McKinney, TX*

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**Juli Ulve Ferraro** - January 30, 2017 at 09:23 PM



“ *Ray was my first employer when I moved to Pollock. He taught me so much about working with the public and shared some cooking secrets as well. Your parents were a delight to work for and I respected them greatly.*

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**Penni Ryckman** - January 22, 2017 at 09:07 AM



“ *Sending my deepest sympathy in the death of Raymond. I just learned of his death and am so sorry for your loss. Will keep him in my prayers. I am a daughter of his Uncle Bob.*  
*Kathy Tragesser*

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**Kathy Tragesser** - January 18, 2017 at 09:42 PM

KS

“ Our sympathy to the family. Ray was always such a pleasant man. We missed him after he left Pollock. Our thoughts are with all of you. Duane and Karen Schnabel

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**Karen Schnabel** - January 17, 2017 at 06:30 PM

JF

“ So very sorry for your loss. Please know that we are thinking of you all and keeping you in our prayers. JoAnn & Doug Ferrel. Seward, Alaska.

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**JoAnn & Doug Ferrel** - January 14, 2017 at 02:24 PM

AB

“ Ray and Kathy were dear friends who did so much for Pollock during their time there. They developed the Fin 'n Feather restaurant and bar which continues to serve the community. Their variety store was also a wonderful business. There are no finer people than Ray and Kathy and their family. Heaven has gained a cheesemaker, chef, all-around handyman and a great, great guy. Condolences to the family. Allan and Leah Burke, Linton, N.D.

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**Allan Burke** - January 11, 2017 at 03:59 PM

DK

“ We send our love, thoughts and prayers to our dear friends...the Quellhorst Family. Ray was a good man and we want you to know that we enjoyed knowing him. You are precious people to us; and our heart is with you right now. God bless you!

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**Don & Sandi Knapp** - January 10, 2017 at 09:08 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond Quellhorst.*



January 10, 2017 at 02:02 PM



“ *The Watermans and Wes and Marge Fritz purchased the Mrs. Fields Nibblers® and Brownie Bites Sympathy Basket for the family of Raymond Quellhorst.*



**The Watermans and Wes and Marge Fritz** - January 10, 2017 at 12:02 PM



“ *My sincere condolences. Ray was such a nice man and the town of Pollock really missed him when he moved away. -- Teddie Vander Vorste*

**Teddie Vander Vorste** - January 10, 2017 at 11:43 AM



“ *Debbie Walker lit a candle in memory of Raymond Quellhorst*



**Debbie Walker** - January 10, 2017 at 11:37 AM

PW

“ Our love and prayers go out to Ray's family! Tennessee and Carol Jean, and Ed and Dorothy loved Ray and Kate and all of you. I will always cherish the years growing up on the farm next to the Quellhorst family ... some great fun! Tommy and i enjoyed visiting with Ray as of late and we sure hope you all know you are loved by us and our families ... God Bless Tom and Pam Waltz

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**pam Waltz** - January 10, 2017 at 11:33 AM

DJ

“ Charlotte and I send our sympathy your way. As most of you know, both Char and I worked for Milk Specialties and as a result knew him reasonable well. He was the coolest guy on the planet. Knowing most of you and watching you mature over the years is a pleasure both of us will long remember. There are many tales I could mention but one that probably some of you do not know is that there was always a distinct cloud over Ray's head when he was in his office, sitting at his desk because of poor air circulation and his constant chain smoking. I am 6' the cloud was at 5', about 6" thick, before reaching Ray's head. I always chuckled talking through the cloud when standing, sometimes thinking there was a light fog in the building. For some reason or another this scene always pops into my head when discussing Ray as Char and I often do, wondering what everyone is up to. I guess I have known Ray since 1968 or a tad later. Thanks Debbie for calling. Sorry we cannot make the service. Char is in Florida with family and I am sitting here with her 91 year old mother, but our hearts and spirits are with you all.

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**Dick Janita** - January 10, 2017 at 07:41 AM

RS

“ Ray was a very special man in my life. His candid friendship and talented capabilities were a rare combination in our world of those days, the whey business. I owe a great debt of gratitude for everything Ray helped me with, during a rather tumultuous period of my life. Thank you Ray....and May God Receive you in Heaven with welcome arms.

*Robert Streeter*

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**Robert Streeter** - January 09, 2017 at 11:40 PM

WE

“ He was a "Man's Man". Ray was a privilege to work with, always helpful and encouraging to his co-workers. He led by example. My sympathy to his family.

*Wes Eberhart*

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**Wes Eberhart** - January 09, 2017 at 11:35 PM

RL

“ Rob and I give our deepest sympathy to our dear friends Sam and Julia, Deb and the rest of the family.. Rob was so surprised to see Deb at Good Sam's Christmas party.our love and prayers are with you

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**Robert and Janet Lathrop** - January 09, 2017 at 08:01 PM

EK

“ Elaine Kanable lit a candle in memory of Raymond Quellhorst



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**Elaine Kanable** - January 09, 2017 at 07:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond Quellhorst.*



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January 09, 2017 at 02:13 PM



“ *Granpa told me some about WWII a year or so back. He talked about enlisting, traveling oversea, and seeing ships in Pearl Harbor with holes in them that a tractor trailer could drive through still floating. He told me of some of his missions going into enemy territory with only a knife and how he took a promotion (desk job he called it). He told me that out of around 167 men I think it was, himself and three others that took promotions also were the only ones to come home. The others are still over there somewhere he said. He then looked me in the eye and said, if I didn't take that promotion I wouldn't be here right now. I smiled to him and said granpa, neither would I. His eyes got wide and he said, I guess you're right.*

*When I visited him in the hospital in Boscobel, I told him thank you for taking that promotion granpa. He smiled and said, yeah..*

*I love him and will miss him dearly and am very thankful he took that promotion all those years ago.*

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**Chris Gorsuch** - January 07, 2017 at 03:50 PM