



Joseph Peter Ennis

April 1, 1928 - September 8, 2021

Joseph Peter Ennis, 93 of Bonita Springs, FL passed away Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at Vitas Hospice. Formerly of Union Center, WI he began wintering in Bonita Springs in 1994 before making it his permanent home for the past 10 years. Joe was born April 1, 1928 in Wonewoc, WI a son of the late Peter and Pauline (Gardner) Ennis.

Mr. Ennis was a Veteran of the United States Navy. He owned and operated Joe's Bar with locations in Union Center and Wonewoc before leaving the bar business to establish Garden City Motel in Union Center. Joe was known as the "Tater King," as he transported 50 pound bags of potatoes from Wisconsin Rapids to sell to his community.

He was a devout catholic and member of the Knights of Columbus. Joe loved big band music and dancing and he enjoyed boating, fishing and cruises. Joe was an avid fan of the Green Bay Packers, Wisconsin Badgers and Notre Dame Football. As a classic car enthusiast, Joe restored and cherished his 1931 Ford Model A. Most of all, Joe loved his family that extended far and wide.

Survivors include his loving children, Pamela (John) Buttner of Mauston, WI, Patricia Murphy of Bonita Springs, FL and Peter (Heather) Ennis of Fort Myers, FL; brother, John (Charlene) Ennis of Elroy, WI; sisters, Susan

Thompson of Mauston, WI, Edith Martin of Springfield, IL; 6 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; and longtime girlfriend, Louise Mihalic. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Beverly, Irene, Esther, Donald and Thomas.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 – 7:00 PM on Monday, September 13, 2021 at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail So., Bonita Springs, FL 34134. A Vigil Service will begin at 7:00 PM.

Visitation will also be held on Friday, September 17, 2021 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 110 Spring Street, Elroy, WI 53929.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 11:00 AM at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Visitation will be held from 10 AM until the start of the Mass.

He will be laid to rest at St. Theresa's Catholic Cemetery in Union Center, WI.

Following the burial, a luncheon will be held at the Legion Hall in Wonewoc, WI to continue the celebration of Joe's life.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Joe's name may be made to St. Theresa PEA Fund, P.O. Box 69, Union Center, WI 53962.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

St. Theresa's Catholic Cemetery

Union Center, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
28300 Tamiami Trail So.
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
(239) 992-4982
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Scripture Service

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SEP 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Peter Ennis*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Peter Ennis.*



September 14, 2021 at 09:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Peter Ennis.*



September 11, 2021 at 01:03 PM



“ *Peter my sincere condolences on the loss of your Dad. It sounds to me like he lived a very full life and has lots of family to pass on his legacy. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Janis Kovac (Joe's Mom)

Janis Kovac - September 10, 2021 at 05:54 PM

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“ *I would have to say that the memory that will stick in my mind is seeing Joe at the bar in Union Center with a cigar in his mouth making burgers and taters for patrons...and that cigar was never lit. And, of course, that laugh with every joke. R.I.P. Cousin Joe.*

Tim Martin - September 10, 2021 at 12:08 PM