



Arthur L. Willaredt, Sr.

August 13, 2014 - October 9, 2007

Arthur L. Willaredt, Sr. age 93, of Mattoon passed away 9:55 a.m., Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at Bay Village in Sarasota, Florida.\r\n\r\nArthur was born August 13, 1914, at Granite City, Illinois, a son of Louis and Amelia (Buenger) Willaredt. On November 18, 1937, Art married Sadie Wachter who preceded him in death January 2, 1993. On January 19, 1994, he married Joanne M. Decker, who provided him with loving care and survives him. He is also survived by his son, Arthur Willaredt, Jr. and wife Karen of Mattoon; two grandchildren, Tana Willaredt-Blackwell and Dean Willaredt and wife Meri all of Mattoon; three great-grandchildren: Travis Blackwell, Adam and Sadie Willaredt; and close and dear friends, Mike and Vicki Budde.\r\n\r\nIn addition to Sadie, his beloved wife of 56 years, his parents; one brother, William Willaredt; and two sisters, Ruth Brave and Millie Schwendeman also predeceased Art.\r\n\r\nIn 1946, when Art came to Mattoon, he had a vision of what he could accomplish. With long hours, a dedication to hard work and sacrifice, he saw that dream realized. Art was recognized by all who knew him in business, on the golf course, or in a friendly card game as a man of integrity, honesty and good humor. He made sound business decisions which carried his company through many difficult times. At his full retirement, he left a legacy of convenience stores and gas stations, warehouse and rental units.\r\n\r\nThe winters of his 'golden years' have been spent in Sarasota, FL where he remained active and involved in church and social events. In summer months, he would return to Mattoon and could be found at the

Country Club with a smile and a kind word for all.\r\n\r\nKnowing Art was a special gift to all he met and he will be greatly missed by his devoted wife, Jo; his family; and many dear friends.\r\n\r\nArt came off the farm in 1934 and worked as service station mechanic and attendant until 1937. From that time to 1946, he drove a tank truck and moved to Mattoon that year, becoming a Shell Commission Agent until 1952 under the company name of Willaredt Oil Company. Also, in 1956 he established M&W Propane Company which was sold in 1987. \r\n \r\nArt was presented with the Bucketeer Award in 1984 for his 50 years of service to the petroleum industry. This award was well named because his first tank truck job had no pump or meter, and buckets were used to deliver fuel. His full retirement from business came in 1993. \r\n\r\nHe was a Director of the Illinois Petroleum Marketer's Association; Director of Central National Bank from 1971-1993; Charter member of Mattoon Estates who developed the golf course and Rolling Green Subdivision. \r\n\r\nArt was a member and Past President of Mattoon Golf and Country Club, leading the project to install an elevator to provide for handicapped accessibility. Art was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Mattoon and various local bridge groups. Art was a current member of the First Presbyterian Church in Mattoon and an Associate Member of The Church of the Palms (Presbyterian) in Sarasota, FL.\r\n\r\nArt enjoyed sports, especially bowling and golf. He was a renowned bridge player with his '3notrump bid' and could be found around a table in friendly gin rummy games. He was a former Elks Bowling Champion, and 1960 Sarah Bush Lincoln Bridge Marathon Champion.

Tribute Wall



“ Arthur L. Willaredt, Sr.

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ Dear Art and Karen,\r\n\r\nI just received the bad news about your father past away we Oneren family send you our condolence to everyone at Willaredt family.\r\n\r\nSy & Sevim Oneren

Sy Oneren - October 31, 2007 at 06:45 AM



“ Dear Joanne,\r\nPlease accept our sincere condolences on Art's passing.From the first Sunday when I met you both on an Open House we were blessed to have a happy, loving friendship. He was the consummate gentleman, and always had a sparkling smile.\r\nIt is a huge loss for you,but rest knowing you were a superb wife.\r\nWe will call you when we return to Sarsota.\r\n\r\nOur love and prayers,\r\n\r\nnan and Ken

Nan Kennedy and Ken Lefebvre - October 22, 2007 at 12:31 PM



“ Dear JoAnne, Denny and I were so sorry to hear about Art. We want you to know that we have you and your family in our prayers.

Denny and Karen Grant - October 16, 2007 at 09:35 PM

AW

“ Dear Joanne,
We are thankful that we were able to get to know Art. You could see his love for you in his eyes. You were blessed to have had a wonderful marriage. God has now taken Art to be with Him. We know how very lonesome you are without Art. Please know you are always welcome to be with us and that you are our family. John, Jim, Beth and Bonnie also send their love.
May our Savior's love and mercy surround you. Love,
Mary Ann & Arch

Arch ;& Mary Ann Warnecke - October 12, 2007 at 09:38 AM

RH

“ I am very sorry to hear about your loss. Your entire family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Ross Wilson & Jen Hesse - October 11, 2007 at 02:42 PM