



Leo Godar

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Leo B. Godar, age 97, died at 10:10 a.m., Thursday, February 11, 2021 at Jerseyville Manor Garden Court I Jerseyville.

He was born on August 13, 1923 in Hardin, Illinois, the son of the late J. Edward and Nellie (McDonald) Godar. He graduated from St. Norbert's Catholic Grade school and from Calhoun High School in Hardin.

He married the former Dorothy Hansen on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 1947 at St. John's Catholic Church in Carrollton by Msgr. Michael Enright. They shared 73 years of marriage and Dorothy survives.



Leo was a farmer, both in Calhoun County and Greene County for 46 years, having retired from farming in 1987. He owned and operated the Crestview and Hidden Valley Farms in Greene County. Following his retirement, the couple moved to Jerseyville in 1988.

Leo will fondly be remembered by his family as a dedicated and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Leo was a member of the Holy Ghost Catholic Church, a 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus for over 50 years and a member of the Holy Name Society in Carrollton, as well as a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus in Jerseyville Councils, having held offices in all organizations. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge and Sr. Citizen organization.

He will always be loved and missed by his wife, Dorothy of Jerseyville; three daughters, one son and their spouses, Kathleen and Jerry Dion of Jerseyville, Marilyn and John Miller of Godfrey, Karen and Dave Schroeder of Jerseyville and Richard Godar of Jacksonville; also eight grandchildren and their spouses, Mary and Jeff Wieneke of Batchtown, Michelle Snider of Collinsville, Leo and Heidi Dion of Traverse City, Michigan, Theresa and Jeff Mesch of Canton, Michigan, Joseph Dion of Seattle, Washington, the late Megan Labrenz, and Trent Labrenz of Godfrey, Emily and Jarad Novak who are currently serving in the military in North Carolina; and Jacob and Nicholle Godar of Springfield; 23 great grandchildren, Anne, Matthew, Maria, Catherine, Sarah, Margaret, Jane and Rose Wieneke; Sophia, Thomas and Alexander Snider; Nathaniel and Elliot Dion; Joseph, Dominic, Elianna and Ethan Mesch, and the late Maria Mesch; Kaelyn Novak; Adelyn and Ava Labrenz; and Jace, Blake, and Sunny Elizabeth Godar; and one great-great grandchild, Forest Rujwartz.

Mr. Godar was a brother to Rosemary Ippalito of Nashua, New Hampshire, Clara Lou Conlin of Brighton, Michigan, Antoine Godar of Raleigh, North Carolina and Steve Godar of Hardin, as well as other extended family members and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was welcomed into heaven by his beloved granddaughter, Megan Labrenz, a great granddaughter, Maria Mesch; an infant brother Aloysius, and brothers Edward, Dan and Aloys Godar; and a sister, Marian Muehlenkamp.

A private Mass of Christian Burial for Leo's immediate family will be held at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Jerseyville with Father Hyland Smith officiating. Private burial will follow at St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Carrollton.

Memorials may be given to Masses or to St. Francis/Holy Ghost Catholic School.

Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville has been entrusted with arrangements.

Condolences may given to his family by visiting www.crawfordfunerals.com