



Delbert Wittenborn

June 18, 1927 - October 12, 2017

Lloyd Delbert Wittenborn, 90, of Rushville, passed away on October 12, 2017. He was born on June 18, 1927 in Chester, Illinois to the late John and Agnes (Douglas) Wittenborn.

Del interrupted his high school education to enlist in the Navy during WWII. He served until the end of the war and then returned to complete his education at Chester High School. Del married Gail Ruth Hunt Wittenborn on June 7, 1947 and she precedes him in death on May 1, 2011.

He began his work career at P.N. Hirsh & Co in Chester, IL. and moved up through the ranks. Del and Gail moved to Rushville with P.N. Hirsch & Co in 1954 when he was named the store manager and then moved back to Illinois in 1959. He and Gail returned to Rushville in 1964 when he became district manager. He retired in 1984. Del had many fond memories from his days of managing stores across Illinois and Indiana. Del also worked for Central Hardware for a few years.

He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was a member of the Rushville Elks Lodge #1307 and St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Del would admit to being a mediocre golfer although he did manage to get 2 hole-in-ones on the same hole a week apart at the age of 84. He was inducted into High School's athletic hall of fame for his talents in Football and Track & Field. He still holds a record in the State of Illinois for the longest touchdown run.

Del is survived by his loving children, Nancy (Robert) Woodruff , John (Sandy)

Wittenborn, Jan (Mac) McNulty and Lee Ann (Richard) Vaughan; 9 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren and a brother , John Donald (Mitzi) Wittenborn. Del was preceded in death by brothers, Kent & Milton. Services will be held privately with burial in Rushville's East Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's United Methodist Church or the Rush County Communtiy Foundation.

Tribute Wall



“ *Delbert Wittenborn*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *I had the privilege to be the manager of 4 different Hirsch stores for Del in the 70's. I will never forget him. He showed me how to hold a golf club. Sorry for your loss.*
LeRoy Pruitt



LeRoy Pruitt - June 20, 2018 at 04:51 PM



“ *Lee,*
I was certainly glad I did get to talk to your dad a few times. I know my dad thought highly of him and enjoyed their times together.
Sorry for your loss.
Bill English.

Bill Susan English - October 17, 2017 at 04:09 PM



“ *Cathy Gosser lit a candle in memory of Delbert Wittenborn*



Cathy Gosser - October 16, 2017 at 10:47 AM

LL

“ Lee- so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. I did not know him but can see from the obituary that you have a strong family behind you.

Two hole in ones at 84? Wow! Gives me hope for my golf game- and what a good lifeline you carry.

I hope this family milestone will be a time of good memories, family harmony and a reaffirmation of relationships. Losing parents is a reflective time as the baton passes to our generation. I know you and Rich will carry it well.

Larry and Alice Leax - October 15, 2017 at 09:05 PM

MW

“ *Mary Wittenborn lit a candle in memory of Delbert Wittenborn*



Mary Wittenborn - October 15, 2017 at 10:58 AM

AY

“ *Anna Yazel lit a candle in memory of Delbert Wittenborn*



Anna Yazel - October 15, 2017 at 06:46 AM

KG

Bill and I enjoyed talking to your dad. We saw him when we ate out at the same restaurants. He was a nice man. Karmen Gulde

Karmen Gulde - October 15, 2017 at 05:42 PM

KR

“ *Karla Ralston lit a candle in memory of Delbert Wittenborn*



Karla Ralston - October 14, 2017 at 09:24 PM

JB

“ *Jeanie Brown lit a candle in memory of Delbert Wittenborn*



jeanie brown - October 14, 2017 at 08:57 PM

JB

“ *he was a very sweet man and i worked for him 23 yrs. be sadly missed. ann ross.*

jeanie brown - October 14, 2017 at 08:56 PM

MW

“ *We have some great memories of del. He will be missed and we are so sorry for your loss.*

Josh, melissa, kayleigh and kole

Melissa walton - October 14, 2017 at 01:53 PM