



Robert L Austen

November 27, 1918 - June 20, 2013

Robert L. Austen, 94, a lifelong Rush County resident, passed away June 20, 2013 in Rushville. He was born November 27, 1918 in Rush County to Harley & Beulah (Jinks) Austen. Bob was a 1936 graduate of New Salem High School. He married Mary F. Todd on December 14, 1947 and she preceded him in death on August 23, 1989.

Bob owned the Amish Cheese House in Metamora since 1977. Before owning the Amish Cheese House, Bob had retired out of the field of Artificial Insemination where he worked for 42 years. He began with the ABS (Artificial Breeding Service) in 1947 and made 100,000 inseminations during his career. His area of interest was primarily dairy cattle. He worked with ABS, Carter Industries and Curtiss Breeding Industries. Bob was a member of the Andersonville Masonic Lodge #96 F&AM and a member of the Andersonville Christian Church. He loved his Cincinnati Reds, gardening, his fruit trees, cats & his cheese house. He had "cut a lot of cheese" over the past 36 years! Bob is survived by companion, Karen Tibbs of Rush County, step daughter, Peni Cranston of Florida, grandsons, Austin & Justin Cranston & a sister, Ruth Ann & husband Floyd Gruell of Rush County. Bob was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

Services will be held at 1 PM Wednesday, June 26 at Moster Mortuary, Rushville, where friends are welcome to visit from 4-8PM on Tuesday, June 25. Andersonville Masonic Lodge will provide masonic services at 7 PM Tuesday evening. John Wall will preside and burial will be in Rushville's East

Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or Boy's Town, Inc.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert L Austen*

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“ *Robert was a very kind and loving person. I have known Robert since I was very small. He use to come to my mom and dad's farm to inseminate their cows. He loved to reminisce about the old times and about his garden. He will be very much missed. He liked to call and just talk on the phone. He'd always ask, "Do you have time to just talk?" He loved life and he loved people. He was one of a kind!*

Donna and Ron Wilson

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