



H.M. Whitehurst

August 20, 1929 - June 9, 2009

Henry M. "Hank" Whitehurst, age 79 of Petersburg, went to be with his Lord and Savior on June 9, 2009. He passed to his eternal life from Sunny Acres Nursing Home in Petersburg. He was born on August 20, 1929, the son of Charles and Helen (Brandt) Whitehurst.

He married Jean Goetting on August 21, 1949 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Petersburg. He farmed early in his life and he was Menard County Sheriff from 1967 until 1970. He was instrumental in developing the Emergency Medical Services in Menard County and he organized the Menard County Rescue Unit in 1968. In January of 1971, he started the Menard Ambulance Service, which he owned and operated until 1994. During this period he was an active paramedic and he served as the Menard County Death Examiner for 17 years. After his retirement from the medical services field, he owned and operated his own saw mill for 20 years.

He was given the Petersburg First Citizen award in 1984. He was a lifelong member of the Rock Creek Presbyterian Church and he served as an elder.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Charles Ray Whitehurst, a sister, Mary Sweeney, and a daughter-in-law, Carol Whitehurst.

He is survived by his wife, Jean, and sons Mike (Patty), Steve and John, all of

Petersburg. He is also survived by five grandchildren: Joey Whitehurst, Jill (Matt) Stuhmer, Keri Whitehurst (fiancé Drew Lucht), Lisa (Derek) Litchfield and Brian Whitehurst (fiancée Katie Yale). There are four great-grandchildren: Christian, Amber and Skyler Johnson and Quincy James Stuhmer. He is also survived by a brother, Dale (Rosie) Whitehurst, several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be at Hurley Funeral Home on Thursday evening, June 11, from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. The funeral will be at the Rock Creek Presbyterian Church on Friday, June 12 at 10:30 a.m. Remains will be interred at the Rock Creek Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the Rock Creek Presbyterian Church or the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *H.M. Whitehurst*

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