



Mr Virgil S Dawson

September 17, 1938 - October 26, 2022

Virgil Smith Dawson, 83, of Manito, passed away Wednesday morning, October 26, 2022 at the Lodge in Manito. He was born November 17, 1938 in Bloomington, Il. He married Lavonne Maas Dawson on December 29, 1961 in the Forest City Community Church. She died September 24, 2017

Virgil was a veteran of the US Army and a member of the Hill-Palmer American Legion Post 561 in Manito. He was a charter member of the Forest City Community Church. Over the years Virgil worked as a meat cutter for Bird Farm in Pekin and Calihan's Pork producers in Peoria. He also worked many years at the Maas-Hurley Funeral Home in Manito.

Surviving are two daughters, Patia (Kelly) Picken, of Manito and Julie (Josh) Cackowski, of Manito, as well as three grandchildren, Chase Picken, Camryn Picken, and Jake Cackowski.

Along with his wife Lavonne, Virgil was preceded in death by his birth parents, Ralph and Eclissa Oakes Berry, his adoptive parents, Ralph and Winnie Smith Dawson, four sisters, four brothers, and two adopted sisters.

A visitation will be held Friday, October 28, 2022 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Maas-Hurley Funeral Home, 301 S. Washington St. in Manito.

A funeral service will be held Saturday morning, October 29, 2022 at 10:00 am at the Forest City Community Church, in Forest City, IL. Pastor Guy Williams officiating. Burial with Military graveside rites will follow in Meadowlawn Cemetery, in Manito. Honors will be presented by the Hill-Palmer American Legion Post in Manito.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Legion Post or to the Forest City Community Church.

Please visit www.hurleyfh.com to leave online condolences and messages for the family.

Maas-Hurley Funeral Home
(309)968-6157

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Maas Hurley Funeral Home - Manito
301 S. Washington St.
P.O. Box #442
Manito, IL 61546
(309) 968-6157
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Forest City Community Church
203 W. Market
Forest City, IL 61532
(309) 597-2111

Burial

OCT **29**. 11:15 AM (CT)

Meadow Lawn Cemetery
801 E. Meadow Lawn St.
Manito, IL 61546

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Jerry Jackie Schier sent a virtual gift in memory of Virgil Dawson



Jerry & Jackie Schier - October 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM

JA

“ Patia and Julie, I'm so very sorry. Virgil was such an inspiration to all of us. He was such a warrior against all his problems and he kept us all laughing.

Jane Armbrust - October 27, 2022 at 06:18 PM

LH

“ Larry Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Virgil Dawson



Larry and Mary Hundt - October 27, 2022 at 09:16 AM

SS

“ Steve And Kim Singley lit a candle in memory of Mr Virgil S Dawson



Steve and Kim Singley - October 26, 2022 at 11:27 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr Virgil S Dawson.*



October 26, 2022 at 07:34 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr Virgil S Dawson.*



October 26, 2022 at 05:35 PM