



Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.

January 4, 1934 - December 29, 2015

Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr., 81, of Mason City, passed away Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at the Mason City Area Nursing Home. He was born on January 4, 1934 on the farm near Mason City to Walter and Mary (Ballard) Shawgo Sr. He married Darlene Spencer September 15, 1954 and she survives.

Nash is also survived by four children: Shari (Kevin) Matson of St. Peters Mo, Brian (Lisa) Shawgo of Easton, Bruce Allen Shawgo of Red Bud, IL and Katrina (Don) Weinell of Gonzales LA, nine grandchildren: Nels (Denise) Matson, Gretchen (Don) Spiess, Astrid Matson, Rex (Emily) Shawgo, Ben (Sarah) Shawgo, Kasey (Garrett) Miles, Jeff Weinell, John Weinell, three great grandchildren: Ryan Shawgo, Alexa Spiess, Scarlett Anna Marie Miles. Nash is also survived by three sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter; Brenda Shawgo.

Nash attended Haw Grove country school for one year. Walter Sr. then moved house and family into Mason City where he attended Mason City schools until graduating in 1952. He worked on Illinois Central RR for two years as a telegraph operator. He was drafted to the service in 1954 with the United States Army. He married Darlene 10 days prior to leaving, stationed in Germany. Darlene got to come over to finish term where their first child Shari was born in Wurzburg Germany. After service time Nash went to work for his

Dad who owned and operated an appliance-electrical-propane gas business eventually buying him out. Nash owned and operated the business until 2005.

Nash was a member of the Mason City School Board-Illini Central School Board, Fire Chief for Mason City Fire District for 17 years, Illinois Central R.R. Historical Society, Morse Telegraph Club, he was licensed with Assembly of God Fellowship. He was a member of the Mason City American Legion and the Greenview AMVETS. His hobbies included Ham Radios- license K9LOE, gardening, canning, making jams and red apple sauce for the grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 2, 2016 at the Assembly of God Church at 12:00 noon. Visitation will be held two hours prior to the service starting at 10:00am also at the church. Pastor James Sprinkel will officiate. Burial will take place at the Mason City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Assembly of God Church. Online memorial messages can be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Mason City Cemetery

Mason City, IL 62664

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Assembly of God Church- Mason City
121 E. Arch
Mason City, IL 62664
(217) 482-3806

Funeral

JAN 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Although I never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Shawgo, I have been blessed to know his wonderful daughter, Shari. Shari and I have worked together as teachers for many years. Over these years together, I've heard the most amazing and heartfelt stories of her family and most especially the stories of her dad. Through these stories it was clear to me that*

Mr. Shawgo had a special gift - he was clearly a shining light and a giver to all who knew him. I'm proud to say that I get to witness that same shining light and selfless love everyday through his daughter. Mr. Shawgo's beautiful shining light, love for life and Jesus continue to shine brightly through his daughter and my dear friend Shari! God Bless.

Patti Seaman - January 10, 2016 at 06:10 PM



“ *To the Shawgo Family-*

Years ago, when living in M.C., I had to ask neighbors how a perfect watermelon mysteriously appeared on my porch during gardening season. Nash was seen making deliveries and did so for a number of years, always bringing a smile to my face and appreciation for a man who was so thoughtful, caring, and honest. I was honored to call him friend and to have taught his children. I am so sorry for your loss.

Linda Lauwerens - January 05, 2016 at 08:56 PM

PT

“ Pastor Royann Mathews and I met Walter and Darlene at Senior Camp in Carlinville. We were instantly drawn to this warm, loving couple who loved Jesus with all their hearts and lived it out in life!!! We will greatly miss Walter with his love and passion to share the love of Jesus with anyone who crossed his path. And for our dear friend and sister, Darlene, we pray God's favor and special graces for you, as you grieve this great loss. May Jesus hold you close to His heart. And to the family, what a great loss you must be experiencing. Walter left you with a great legacy of love to pass on to others....may you be up to the calling upon you!! Walter would be pleased!!! Jesus must have just finished up the final touches on Walter's room....and I'm sure he heard Jesus say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant!" You will be greatly missed, friend, and brother, In Christ.

Peggy Tucker - January 02, 2016 at 12:39 PM

PT

“ Peggy Tucker lit a candle in memory of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.



Peggy Tucker - January 02, 2016 at 12:21 PM

RB

“ To Darlene, Shari, Brian, Bruce and Katie. We are keeping you and your family close in our thoughts and prayers. Ron and Kathy Berg



Ron and Kathy Berg - January 02, 2016 at 12:07 PM

JC

“ So many wonderful memories of "Walter" (as he allowed me to call him!) He was there the first time I attended the Assembly of God in Mason City and he was there 26 years later when I moved. And since then I've had many jars of jam, bags of peanuts, emails, and messages of encouragement. Thanks Walter for your friendship, guidance, and mostly for your prayers for the Cooper family. March around the throne with our loved ones and we'll see you soon!

Judy Cooper - January 02, 2016 at 09:43 AM



“ Rest in Peace "Cuz"
Robert & Denise



Ten A C Dee - January 01, 2016 at 09:53 PM

ES

“ There sure are a lot of people who are gonna miss you, cuz. I know I will. You were always ready with a story, a smile, a listening ear or a shoulder to lean on. Not sure anyone can fill your shoes.



Ellen Shawgo - January 01, 2016 at 09:34 PM

KF

“ Kris Claypool & Family lit a candle in memory of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.



Kris Claypool & family - January 01, 2016 at 09:28 PM

TF

“ *The McCarthy Family lit a candle in memory of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.*



The McCarthy Family - December 31, 2015 at 03:28 PM

JD

“ *My sympathy to the family and friends of Nash Shawgo. He will be missed by all.*

Janica Drainer and Family

Janica Drainer - December 31, 2015 at 01:39 PM

AD

“ *Amy May (Joe Wagoner's Daughter) lit a candle in memory of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.*



Amy May (Joe Wagoner's daughter) - December 31, 2015 at 12:49 PM

RA

Joe David was a neighbor and friend one block away. I spent lots of hours with Ken Wagner in the neighborhood and school. We played basketball in the Wagoner back yard. Ken and I and others played marbles and colleted pigeons. Joe David was a role model for me as a very young boy. Nash Shawgp's wife Darlene is my close cousin. Darlene's father and my mother are brother and sister. I live in Rochester Minnesota 10 minutes from the Mayo Clinic doors. I have worked for IBM 27 years. I have very good memories of Joe and our old neighborhood.
greengiantadams@aol.com

Robert Adams - December 31, 2015 at 02:12 PM

RA

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Robert Adams - December 31, 2015 at 02:25 PM

JH

“ *Jim Steveson and Joann Hughes purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr..*



Jim Steveson and Joann Hughes - December 31, 2015 at 10:27 AM

DB

“ *We always liked listening to Nash tell stories of the "good old days". He carried a lot of good memories around with him. From one HAM to another, SK k9loe*

Dave and Diane Bergman - December 31, 2015 at 09:48 AM

ES

“ Eric And Amanda Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.



Eric and Amanda Schmidt - December 31, 2015 at 08:38 AM

RA

“ Robert & Judy Adams lit a candle in memory of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.



Robert & Judy Adams - December 31, 2015 at 07:31 AM

RO

Nash & Darlene --He will be missed by us in Rochester Minnesota. The last time Nash & I talked on the phone he had us both laughing and enjoying our conversation. Our Family Patricia Birk-- Mayor of Mason City Pete & Marcia Bowers.
Jay& Lisa Adams -Bryan-Dylan-Shea-Alex-Sam& Kayla> Todd & Kathleen--Robert -Miles-Townes-Iris> Kevin & Ryland Adams GOD IS WAITING FOR YOU NASH !!!!!!!

Robert - December 31, 2015 at 07:42 AM

AM

I remember when dads TV shop was next door to Nash's and the great conversations that took place between Nash, dad, and all of his friends, on a daily basis.

alan mclaughlin - December 31, 2015 at 01:34 PM

HC

“ He was a friend to everyone he met. He will truly be missed by all.

Harry Callison - December 31, 2015 at 07:17 AM

SP

“ Nash and Darlene meant a lot to us, not only as relatives but also as friends. Our memories will never be forgotten. To Shari, Brian, Bruce, and Katie , love from the Patterson Family. Bob, Shirley, Robert, Brad, and Maria.

Shirley Patterson - December 30, 2015 at 11:55 PM

LO

“ Sorry to hear of Nash's passing. I remember him always picking on me because I was a Cardinal fan.

Louise - December 30, 2015 at 10:22 PM

 Leslie Ebright

“ My first job was with Nash in his store in Mason City. He and Darlene were wonderful to me. They treated me like one of the family. He will be missed. Leslie (Stevenson) Ebright.

Leslie Ebright - December 30, 2015 at 09:28 PM

RD

“ A good friend and a Godly man. He will be missed. Ed and I were attending the Mason City Assembly of God church under Pastor Ken Wallace when the Lord called us to full time ministry. That's where we met Nash. He became a dear friend, and helped us many times when we were preparing for ministry. Darlene always was at his side, and we appreciated them both so much. May the Lord give you all strength and comfort as you celebrate his homecoming. See you one day again Nash. Love to all of you.

*Rev. & Mrs. Ed Dutton
Ed & Carol*

Rev. & Mrs. Ed Dutton - December 30, 2015 at 09:09 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr..*



December 30, 2015 at 08:55 PM



“ *Jill Evans lit a candle in memory of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.*



Jill Evans - December 30, 2015 at 08:43 PM



“ *Dear classmate, may you rest in peace. Walter and Joe David Wagoner were such good friends when we were in school. Now they can be together once again. He was such a good person with lots of love for GOD.*

Shirley L. Leslie (Lockenour)

Darlene, may it be of some comfort for you to know that I am thinking of you in your hours of sorrow.

Shirley L. Leslie - December 30, 2015 at 08:41 PM

DI

“ *Debbie And Joe Ingersoll lit a candle in memory of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.*



Debbie and Joe Ingersoll - December 30, 2015 at 08:37 PM

MB

“ *Mary Boyd lit a candle in memory of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.*



Mary Boyd - December 30, 2015 at 07:33 PM

JF

Our sympathy and prayers to Darlene and all the family. The Currys Jim and Dolores and family

Jim and Dolores Curry and Family - January 01, 2016 at 03:09 AM

DW

“ *One of the funniest stories he told, a local farmer came to the store and asked Nash if the fire department could use some practice fighting a fire. Nash said sure. The farmer said he had an old barn he would allow them to practice on. Told Nash where it was. The next day the farmer came in the store mad as a hornet. Nash.....you guys burned down the wrong barn. What could he say but s o r r y. Of course the way he told it was really funny. God Bless,
Don Wallace*

Donald Wallace - December 30, 2015 at 07:31 PM

KA

“ Ken & Mary Ann Andrews lit a candle in memory of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.



Ken & Mary Ann Andrews - December 30, 2015 at 07:30 PM

DY

So sorry. He was an awesome man of God !

Dawn Yocom - December 30, 2015 at 08:16 PM

RE

“ Rick and Terrie Elrod purchased the Cup of Rose s Bouquet for the family of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr..



Rick and Terrie Elrod - December 30, 2015 at 07:07 PM

MB

“ Mark And Gaileh Barrow lit a candle in memory of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.



Mark and Gaileh Barrow - December 30, 2015 at 06:56 PM

AH

“ We will all greatly miss Nash. He had a tremendous outlook on life and always kept us entertained when we got together for cousin dinners. My deepest sympathy goes out to the family. Ann Meeker Hodgson



Ann Meeker Hodgson - December 30, 2015 at 06:52 PM

RS

“ Robin & Vicki Shawgo lit a candle in memory of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.



Robin & Vicki Shawgo - December 30, 2015 at 06:47 PM

KK

“ Kraig Krause lit a candle in memory of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.



Kraig Krause - December 30, 2015 at 06:29 PM

TI

“ I'm in California now but I still remember Nash from when I was a child growing up in Mason City. He was a kind hearted man and was always smiling. Sending my Condolences and prayers for his family.



tiffany - December 30, 2015 at 06:14 PM

AF

“ Ashley Harp Flynn lit a candle in memory of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.



Ashley Harp Flynn - December 30, 2015 at 05:56 PM

CL

“ Our loss is definitely Heaven's gain. So many wonderful memories of him and his life. No matter what was asked of him, he always was ready and willing to do whatever he could to further the work of the Lord. Dance around the throne for us, Nash.
Carol and Dale Langenbahn

Carol Langenbahn - December 30, 2015 at 05:32 PM

AQ

“ I have known Nash most of my life. He was a great person and he will be dearly missed. Janice and amber Quayle

amber Quayle - December 30, 2015 at 05:17 PM

DD

“ So sorry for your loss. Nash was a great and caring person.



Dick and Maureen Damarin - December 30, 2015 at 04:59 PM

DB

“ I'll always remember the Good times we had working together.

David and Brenda Banister - December 30, 2015 at 04:53 PM

DB

“ *David And Brenda Banister lit a candle in memory of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.*



David and Brenda Banister - December 30, 2015 at 04:50 PM

K(

“ *Sorry for your loss. He was a great man and will be greatly missed.*



Katriba Barger (Cummings) - December 30, 2015 at 04:47 PM

TC

“ *He was the sweetest man, he will be missed.*



Tammy Cooper - December 30, 2015 at 04:36 PM

LO

“ I backed into Nash's car one late night at Cranwells/VanTines. Did not damage my car at all, but sure put a dent in the side of this car. I went back inside to tell him, and he said it was a good thing I did, because there was a person watching me to make sure I came back in and told him. He laughed about it, it was sorta a private joke between us. He was one of the GOOD GUYS. He sure will be missed. Had a great sense of humor, and I really enjoyed talking to him.

Lynne Milby Onken - December 30, 2015 at 04:32 PM

 Cindy Kinney

“ Cindy Kinney lit a candle in memory of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.



Cindy Kinney - December 30, 2015 at 04:29 PM

BR

“ Barb Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.



Barb Rodgers - December 30, 2015 at 04:19 PM

JM

“ *Judy Murphy-Hayes lit a candle in memory of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.*



Judy Murphy-Hayes - December 30, 2015 at 04:17 PM

JW

“ *Jerry & Nan Webb lit a candle in memory of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.*



Jerry & Nan Webb - December 30, 2015 at 04:06 PM

JN

Our heartfelt condolences to the entire Shawgo family.

Jerry & Nan - December 30, 2015 at 04:08 PM

EJ

“ *Edna Jones-Story lit a candle in memory of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.*



Edna Jones-Story - December 30, 2015 at 04:00 PM

BG

“ Nash was a wonderful kind person. We lived in Greenview for many years and Nash was always ready to help our family out. I am so sorry for your loss.



barb greer - December 30, 2015 at 03:54 PM

WB

“ WILMA BLESSMAN lit a candle in memory of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.



WILMA BLESSMAN - December 30, 2015 at 03:23 PM

CO

“ Nash was such a wonderful man. I have known him my whole life. He was a good friend of my dad's and my Grandma odie worked 4 him and he was so wonderful to my mom before she passed. He did such a nice job @ both mom & dad's funerals. Hugs & prayers to the family.

candy Ainsworth ogden - December 30, 2015 at 03:07 PM

MW

“ He was always such a sweet gentleman when we sang at the church, so sorry to hear this. Prayers for the family.

Marlene Wiker - December 30, 2015 at 02:26 PM

VH

“ *The Grade School will never be the same without that smile and his warm heart. Nash will be missed terribly. Thoughts and prayers to the Shawgo family.*

Valerie Henning - December 30, 2015 at 02:07 PM

VB

“ *Vickie Bagby lit a candle in memory of Walter "Nash" Shawgo Jr.*



Vickie Bagby - December 30, 2015 at 01:18 PM

RC

There were few people in the mason city area who were not affected by the spirited Nash Shawgo. He continued to be so kind to my parents(Rev Wallace) even after they retired from Mason City...each fall bringing them melons and other goodies. I found a note last night that he had sent this past summer telling us he loved us. He is now absent physically from this earth but he will continue to live on through the people he knew. Nash is now rejoicing in the new home that has been built for him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

rebecca jane calaway - January 01, 2016 at 06:17 AM