



Douglas M Bence

July 7, 1943 - December 20, 2021

Princeton - Douglas M. Bence, 78, of Princeton, IL., passed away on Monday, December 20, 2021 at OSF St. Clare Medical Center in Princeton, IL.

Doug was born on July 7, 1943 in Princeton, IL., to the late Clarence and Lena (Storms) Bence. He attended LaMoille Schools and married Rosalie Shofner on August 19, 1967 in Aledo, IL.

He worked for 26 plus years for CBQ, then Burlington Northern Railroad as a section laborer before retiring. In his free time, he loved to hunt and fish. He enjoyed watching old westerns, especially John Wayne. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan, Chicago Bears and Chicago Bulls fan. He loved watching College football, NFL and listening to the Princeton Tigers football team on Friday nights.

He is survived by his forever friends Mark and Liz Johnson; Sister-in-law Rita Wolf; as well as good friends Pam Steelman and Ray Fundel; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by the love of his life, Rosalie Bence (11/21/07), his parents Clarence and Lena Bence.

In Lieu of flower may be directed to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

A visitation will be held Friday, January 7, 2022 from 11:00 am- 1:00 pm at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. and Monuments.

Services for Doug to follow visitation at 1:00 pm at Norbergs, officiated by Pastor Ryan Sutton. (Cremation rites accorded).

A private burial to be held at a later date and time.

Online memorials and condolences may be directed to www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments

Cemetery Details

Malden Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.
701 E. Thompson Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Funeral Service

JAN 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“*Doug was a good friend of my late husband. Although my husband didn't work for train lines, he loved them, as did Doug. They would frequently go to Rochelle to the Railroad Park to watch the trains go by, and talk about trains in general. The short time I knew Doug, I could see he was a great guy, and would do anything, for anybody. He will be missed by all who knew him.*
Mrs. Dan Geiger

Mrs. Dan Geiger - January 13, 2022 at 10:29 AM

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“*I'm so very sorry to hear about Douglas. Our cousin Barb called and let me know of his passing. I hadn't seen him since our aunt Liz's 100th birthday party. I recognized him right away; he still looked the same as I remembered him. A very nice quiet guy. You have my deepest sympathy and are in my prayers.*
Dorothy (Bence) Eve

Dorothy Eve - January 06, 2022 at 09:04 PM

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“ I started out as your aide. But three days a week and phone calls on the weekends. You became family. When I put up your Christmas tree this year (that you always growled about. But would ask me when I was putting it up) I never thought this would be the last time. I never thought your gifts would sit there unwrapped. Dec 20 was such a shock. I still don't believe it. But I held your hand till your last breath. Just as I promised you. My life is empty without you, giving me a hard time or making me laugh. Steve is doing his best to help me thru this. Tomorrow will be a hard day for all of us. Watch over us as we say are finally goodbyes. I know your with Rose. And that will make you so happy again. Rest In Peace. Until we meet again.
Pam and Steve Steelman



pam steelman - January 06, 2022 at 02:10 PM

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“ Guy would always give me a hard time when I rang the SA bell out at Walmart. I loved it 😊

Bill - January 06, 2022 at 11:13 AM