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Dean Thomas Ruff, 86, of Pinckneyville, IL passed away at 8:00am, Sunday, May 1, 2016 at Des Peres Hospital, St. Louis, MO surrounded by family.

Per Dean's wishes he will be cremated and a burial will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to Lung Cancer Research and mailed to Hohlt & File Funeral Home, PO BOX 146, Vandalia, IL 62471.

Dean was born April 20, 1930 in Fairbury, IL, son of Glen and Bernice (Tinges) Ruff. He married Doris Diveley Plunkett on July 25, 1988.

Dean, along with his brothers started Long Point Grain in 1957; later know as Ruff Bros. Grain, he farmed most of his life, retiring in 1999. He was affiliated with the Methodist faith, was a member of the Livingston County Farm Bureau and in his free time he loved to go fishing and enjoyed cooking.

He is survived by his wife Doris Ruff of Pinckneyville, IL; children Dianne and husband Kenneth Kuerth of Gridley, IL, Linda and husband David Sass of Streator, IL, and Dale Ruff and wife Jody of Long Point, IL; step children Janesa and husband Randy Whitener of Pinckneyville, IL and Jason Plunkett and girlfriend Stephanie Potts of Vandalia; brothers Otis Ruff and wife Marian of Streator, IL, Gerald Ruff and wife Janice of Streator, IL, and Keith Ruff and wife JoAnn of Pleasant Hill, IL; 5 grandchildren; 3 step grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; along with many nieces, nephews, and good friends.



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He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson.



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SG

Sandra Grubar posted:

My sincere sympathy on your loss of Dean. When I was a girl growing up in Long Point, my grandfather Elmer Fewkes did his trading with the Ruff "boys" and I became familiar with Dean and his brothers. I recollect hauling in a pick up truck full of corn we picked up out of the field and getting \$3 for it-a small fortune for young kids. I remember all the Ruff brothers at my grandparents funerals and condolences at my mom's -Darlene Thies. Again, my sympathy.

November 8 at 4:00 AM

JL

Jim And Debbie Lay posted:

Dean was a great friend to our father Kenneth Lay. We remember and appreciate all he did for him. He was a great encourager to my brother and I in our farming career. The Lay family will always remember Dean.Jim and Debbie. Lay

November 8 at 4:00 AM

TD

Tony Derosa posted:

My condolences to the Ruff clan on the passing of Dean. I didn't know Dean well, but I heard many stories about him since the time I moved to Long Point.

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EO

Edward And Daughter Tambla Olesen posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. With our sympathy.Edward Olesen [husband of Marcia Ensign] and daughter Tambla Olesen

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MW

Max And Brenda Witbracht posted:

We are very sorry, and you have our deepest sympathy. We didn't know Dean, but we know Janesa and family....they loved him very much. We know he was a good Dad and Grandpa.We will remember all of you in prayer.Love, Max and Brenda

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Larry & Beth Runge posted:

Doris, Janesa, Colton, Cloe & family, Our deepest sympathy to you and your family! Dean was a wonderful man, and we know you will all miss him terribly! Please know we will too! We are keeping you in our prayers for strength and love of each other. Stay strong, GOD Bless! Let us know if we can help in any way. Love, Larry and Beth Runge

November 8 at 4:00 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dean Ruff by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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