



Vaughn Dale Heidenreich

September 21, 1924 - September 30, 2022

Vaughn Dale Heidenreich, 98, passed away September 30, 2022 in his Woodstock home surrounded by his loving wife and family. Vaughn was predeceased by his parents Lester and Amy and his four brothers Wilmer, Delmar, Jerry and Vern. He leaves behind his loving wife Mary (Grossel-Adams) Heidenreich, his four stepchildren; Mary Beth (Dan) Meloni, Joseph (Terese) Adams, Judith (Karl) Shuh, and Karen (Raymond) Shook, as well as three children with first wife Phyllis (Higgins); daughters Candace (Marc) Kresmery, Dawn Hines, and son Curt (Lisa) Heidenreich. Numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren also mourn his passing. Vaughn was born September 21, 1924 in Stockton, Illinois and graduated from Crystal Lake High School in 1942. In 1943 he joined the United States 8 th Army Air Force 457 th Bomb Group where he became a lead bombardier in a B-17 Flying Fortress squadron stationed in England. For his service, First Lieutenant Heidenreich received the Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf

Clusters, a symbol of valor.

Upon his return from the war, Vaughn worked at Jewel Tea Company in Barrington

where he retired after 44 years as Director of Fleet Operations. Once retired, Vaughn

taught the AARP Defensive Driving class for 22 years.

Vaughn loved playing golf, bowling, ballroom dancing and watching his beloved

Cubbies and Bears. Vaughn and Mary wintered at the "Heidiness" in Tucson, Arizona

where Vaughn was the Master of Ceremonies for the Tucson Estates Talent Shows.

He had a wonderful voice and for many years, he and Mary sang together in the choir

at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Crystal Lake.

He lived a full, rich, blessed life and was dearly loved by his family and friends. Even

in his final days, he repeatedly told everyone around him, "I love you."

Fait accompli (mission accomplished), Vaughn.

Funeral Mass to be held on Saturday, October 8th at 10:00am at Saint Thomas the

Apostle Catholic Church 451 W. Terra Cotta Rd., Crystal Lake, IL. Luncheon immediately following at the church. A private interment will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, the 457th Bomb

Group Association or the Saint Thomas Choir.

Cemetery Details

PRIVATE

Previous Events

Private Family Interment

OCT 3.

PRIVATE

Catholic Mass Services

OCT 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St Thomas the Apostle Church
451 W Terra Cotta Ave, Crystal Lake, IL 60014
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Lunch to be served following Mass at church