



J.C. Stilwell

January 26, 2013

J. C. Stilwell 84 of Mackinaw City passed away peacefully Saturday evening, January 26 at Mackinac Straits Hospital following a short illness. He was born in Emmet County near Mackinaw City on August 9, 1928. to John C, and Inez (Quinn) Stilwell. J.C will be remembered as an icon in the Straits Area, and was an Iron Worker Local 340 and worked on the Mackinac Bridge from inception in 1954 until opening in 1957, and has honored the Iron Workers with a fabulous Museum in Mackinaw City for over 30 years. He was the founder of the International Iron Workers Festival and that has continued for over 30 years. He has been a businessman in Mackinaw City since 1964, owning MaMa Mias Pizza on Central Avenue;; a well known business in the area where families could come and dine and enjoy a reasonable meal. It was destroyed by fire in August, 2005, and was rebuilt and reopened in May 2007.. He never retired and was busy at the Restaurant until closing in the fall of 2012. J.C also built the Flamigo Motel in 1954 and is still run by his son and daughter in law Jay and Fay.. He was an active member of the Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce; Sons of the American Legion; and St. Anthony Catholic Church. He also sailed on the Chief Wawatam for a short time.


He is survived by his wife Debbie; children, Gary and Val Stilwell, in Mississippi; Donna and Michael Kronick, in Missouri; Kim Stilwell, Clawson; Jay and Fay Stilwell. Mackinaw City; Jalyynn Schnur, Kalamazoo; step

children, Michelle and Keith Cornell, St.Johns; Michael Thompson, Rock Springs, Wyoming; his father in law, Leonard Swagart, Cooks;; many grand children and great grandchildren; nieces and nephews and a host of friends..He was preceeded in death by 8 brothers and 1 sister, his parents, and a son, Jason.

Visitation will be on Monday, January 28 at St.Anthony Catholic Church in Mackinaw City from 6 to 9 pm, with a Vigil service at 8 pm under the Direction of Sister Chris Herald. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, January 29 at 11 am with Fr. Harry Speckman and Sister Chris officiating. Visitation also will be from 10 to 11 am on Tuesday. Memorials may be directed to St.Anthony Catholic Church; Food Pantry of Church of the Straits or Wawatam Senior Center with envelopes available at the visitation or from Dodson Funeral Home, St.Ignace who assisted the family with arrangements.


Tribute Wall

HO “ *HOPE sent a virtual gift in memory of J.C. Stilwell*





HOPE - May 13 at 11:40 AM

HO “ *HOPE sent a virtual gift in memory of J.C. Stilwell*




HOPE - May 13 at 11:39 AM

 “ *Never Forget*



+ - September 11, 2025 at 10:22 PM

HO “ *HONOR lit a candle in memory of J.C. Stilwell*



HONOR - June 12, 2025 at 05:04 PM

PR

“ PRAYER sent a virtual gift in memory of J.C. Stilwell



PRAYER - June 12, 2025 at 05:00 PM

FS

“ Fruits Of The Holy Spirit lit a candle in memory of J.C. Stilwell



Fruits of The Holy Spirit - June 08, 2025 at 01:55 PM

SJ

“ Sacred Heart Of JESUS lit a candle in memory of J.C. Stilwell



Sacred Heart of JESUS - June 01, 2025 at 10:02 PM

SJ

HEART

Sacred Heart of JESUS - June 01, 2025 at 10:05 PM

FR

“ *FRIENDS sent a virtual gift in memory of J.C. Stilwell*



FRIENDS - May 17, 2025 at 02:20 PM

FA

“ *FAITH sent a virtual gift in memory of J.C. Stilwell*



FAITH - May 08, 2025 at 09:36 PM



“ *+ lit a candle in memory of J.C. Stilwell*



+ - May 05, 2025 at 03:20 PM

TY

“ *Thank You sent a virtual gift in memory of J.C. Stilwell*



Thank You - May 05, 2025 at 03:17 PM

KU

“ Kukla/Schneider/Stilwell lit a candle in memory of J.C. Stilwell



Kukla/Schneider/Stilwell - April 24, 2025 at 12:17 PM

KU

“ Happy Easter.



Kukla/Schneider/Stilwell - April 24, 2025 at 12:14 PM

DH

“ Me and my wife met mr.Stilwell at his pizza restaurant years ago he talk to us like he knew us. He talked about everything he done on Mackinac Bridge I could of listen to him for hours and then we order a pizza and mr.Stilwell served it to us.He sure was very proud of what he's done when I heard he passed away we lost a true pioneer. David & Elizabeth Van Hevel Macomb Mi

David Van Hevel - March 02, 2025 at 08:31 PM

FA

“ FAITH. FAMILY. FRIENDS. FAITH. HOPE. LOVE. FAITH!



FAMILY - February 14, 2025 at 10:05 AM

PY

“ Peace Be With You. sent a virtual gift in memory of J.C. Stilwell



Peace be with you. - January 02, 2025 at 04:51 PM

JK

“ Joyce Kukla sent a virtual gift in memory of J.C. Stilwell



Joyce Kukla - January 02, 2025 at 04:48 PM

JK

“ Joyce Kukla sent a virtual gift in memory of J.C. Stilwell



Joyce Kukla - January 02, 2025 at 04:43 PM

JM

“ Joyce Kukla Bay City, MI lit a candle in memory of J.C. Stilwell



Joyce Kukla Bay City, MI - January 02, 2025 at 04:39 PM



“ J.C. Stilwell

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ J.C. Stilwell

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ J.C. Stilwell

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Dear Stihwill family,
Please accept my deep regrets for your loss. Death is our greatest enemy and always brings pain and grief which I felt when I lost my whole family to it but I found hope and comfort in what Jehovah Gods word says at John11:11 and Mark5:39 that they'er just asleep and Jesus states at John5:28,29 that I'll see them again and this helps me get through each day because I miss them so much. I do hope that by your reading these scriptures in your Bible that you'll find hope and comfort also because this is my purpose in sharing this with you. Please know that I do share your grief and truly hope this has helped in some way. Please feel free to let me know at glori amosley@hotmail.com Sincerely, Gloria Mosley*

Gloria Moseley - February 02, 2013 at 08:32 AM



“ *Hello Jalynn we are very sorry for the loss of your dad. We are thinking of you and your children today. Love, Uncle Dean and Aunt Beverly*

Dean and Beverly Nugent - January 28, 2013 at 04:59 AM