

Local Children's Author Receives Literary Award

LEO WILHELM

Leo A. Wilhelm, 88, of Mascoutah, Ill., died Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at his residence.

Mr. Wilhelm was born Sept. 10, 1928 in Mascoutah Township, Ill., the son of Joseph O. and Anne, nee Voegele, Wilhelm.

He was retired from Mascoutah Equipment Company with 46 years of service, 30 years as an employee and 16 years as part owner. He was a lifetime member of Holy Childhood Catholic Church in Mascoutah; past president of the Holy Name Society; member and past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 4380, Mascoutah; member and past Commander of the American Legion Post 292, Mascoutah; 20-year member and retired Captain of the Mascoutah Volunteer Fire Dept.; past president and member of the Mascoutah Horseshoe League; board member of the Mascoutah Senior Center; and a Korean War Army veteran.

Mr. Wilhelm was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Alice, nee Kniepmann, Wilhelm whom he married in Germantown, Ill., on May 6, 1953 and who died July 20, 2015; a son-in-law, Dale Kinzel; six brothers, Roman, Meinard, Erwin, Ralph, Joseph J., and Herb Wilhelm; three sisters-in-law, Marcella, Delores, and Eunice Wilhelm; and two brothers-in-law, Preston Blake, and Bruce Markwardt.

Surviving are three sons, Gary (Tricia) Wilhelm of Nashville, Ill., Wayne (Sandy) Wilhelm, Steven (Sarah) Wilhelm, all of Mascoutah, Ill.; three daughters, Patti (Kenny) Jacobs of Okawville, Ill., Karen Kinzel of Freeburg, Ill., and Janice (Jim) Day of New Baden, Ill.; 16 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; dear friend, Barb Sutter; a brother, Marcel Wilhelm of Belleville, Ill.; four sisters, Martha (John) Henrichs of Breese, Ill., Sr. Janet Marie Wilhelm of Ruma, Ill., Rose Markwardt of Belleville, Ill., and Ann (Phil) Sherry of Santa Maria, Calif.; four sisters-in-law, Ruth

Children's Literary Classics has announced that the children's picture book *Priceless Penny* written by Lauren Kramer-Theuerkauf of Freeburg and illustrated by James Sell, has been selected to receive the Children's Literary Classics Seal of Approval.

The CLC Seal of Approval is a designation reserved for those books which uphold the rigorous criteria set forth by the Children's Literary Classics review committee, a team comprised of individuals with backgrounds in publishing, editing, writing, illustration, and graphic design.

In the book, Penny, a pound puppy, anxiously awaits adoption day. She's so excited to find a family to love and take her home with them. Penny soon learns that some of her traits make her undesirable in the eyes of those looking to adopt a dog that day. Penny had never thought of herself as being unattractive, but after hearing so many negative remarks, she begins to wonder. Do her deformities make her ugly? More importantly, will she ever find a forever home?

Lauren Kramer-Theuerkauf's *Priceless Penny* is a book that will speak to youngsters about acceptance and, above all, compassion. This book helps children understand that their words affect others and that everyone deserves to be loved. Illustrations by James Sell are expressive and full of whimsy, helping make this a book that children are sure to treasure. *Priceless Penny* is recommended for home and school libraries as well as for use in clinical settings.

Children's Literary Classics is an organization dedicated to furthering excellence in children's literature, takes great pride in its role to help promote classic children's literature which appeals to youth while educating and en-

couraging positive values in the impressionable young minds of future generations. To learn more about Children's Literary Classics, you may visit their website at www.clcawards.org or www.childrensliteraryclassics.com.

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January 9 through 13

LUNCH

MONDAY: Chicken quesadilla, sloppy Joe sandwich, popcorn chicken salad bar with Goldfish, or PBJ Uncrustable, green beans, chilled peaches, and cold milk.

TUESDAY: Mozzarella cheese sticks with pizza sauce, country steak sandwich, Caesar salad bar with Goldfish, or PBJ Uncrustable, baby carrots, chilled blueberries, and cold milk.

WEDNESDAY: Mini corn dogs, meatball sandwich, chef salad bar with Goldfish, or PBJ Uncrustable, cole slaw, baked beans, apple slices, and cold milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken nuggets with bread, Salisbury steak with bread, Caesar salad bar with Goldfish, or PBJ Uncrustable, mashed potatoes with gravy, chilled pears, animal crackers, and cold milk.

FRIDAY: Straw hat, turkey and bacon wrap, chef salad bar with Goldfish, or PBJ Uncrustable, fresh broccoli, orange-pineapple frozen juice cup, and cold milk.

ADDITIONAL CHOICES: Monday and Friday - straw hat, hamburger, cheeseburger, or hot and spicy chicken sandwich; Wednesday - nacho bites, hamburger, cheeseburger, or hot and spicy chicken sandwich; Tuesday and Thursday - pepperoni pizza, taco salad, hamburger, and cheeseburger; Additional vegetable choice - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday - French fries;