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James P. Freese

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James P. Freese 1929—2017

James P. Freese, 88 of Stockton, IL, passed away August 6, 2017, at his home. He was born January 5, 1929, in Hazel Green, WI, the son of Ben and Hilda (Neis) Freese. He married Joanne Ricke on May 15, 1954. He served his country in the United States Army from 1951-1953. Jim was a member of the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton for 58 years. Jim started his cheese making career in Menominee, IL and moved to Central City, IA where he was the head cheesemaker and manager. In 1959, Jim and his family moved to Stockton where he operated and managed Chelsea Cheese Company for 34 years, before his retirement in 1993. Even in his retirement he worked part-time at Torkelson Cheese until 1999. Jim is

survived by his wife of 63 years, Joanne of Stockton; children, Rick (Cindy) Freese of Pearl City, Daryl (Janet) Freese and Michael (Jill) Freese, Rhonda (Geoff) Perry, and son-in-law Don Kunz, all of Stockton; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 2 step grandchildren; 3 step great-grandchildren; two brothers, Gerald (Karen) Freese and Tyrone (Jean) Freese of East Dubuque, IL; sister, Evonne Crim of Hannibal, MO. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Eugene Freese and daughter, Deanna Kunz.

Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, August 10, 2017, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton, IL, with visitation from 9 a.m. until time of services. Cremation rites have been accorded. Father Michael Morrissey will officiate the services. Burial will be at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial has been established in his memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

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