



Allen E. Gehm

November 5, 1943 - October 19, 2016

Allen E. Gehm, 72, of Bourbonnais passed away on Wednesday October 19, 2016 at his home. He was born November 5, 1943, the son of Carl and Mary Clawson Gehm in Chicago. He married Joan Henneinke on August 22, 1964 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kankakee. She survives him in Bourbonnais. He was a retired refrigeration technician for Exel in Manteno. After retirement he had worked for Hospice of Kankakee Valley and Busse and Rieck. He was a 1962 graduate of St. Anne High School and had attended Kankakee Community College. He enjoyed traveling, rescuing animals, was a paraplane pilot, he had owned and showed classic cars, and always helped anyone in need. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church where he had served on the finance committee, was an usher, a member of St. Joseph Ministry, and also a trustee. He was a four and a half year veteran of the United States Marine Corps and a member of the Marine Corps League. He was past commander and adjutant of the St. George American Legion Post 1164. Allen was also a past volunteer firefighter and EMT for the Bourbonnais Rural Fire Department.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Leann Gehm and Robert Lopez of Carbondale; and Denise and Duke Edwards of Bourbonnais; two granddaughters, Kennedy and Rylie; and one sister Susan Langdoc of Kankakee. He is preceded in death by his parents and one sister Carol.

Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the Clancy- Gernon Funeral Home

in Bourbonnais where a funeral service will be held Monday at 10 a.m. Rev. Karl Koeppen will officiate. Burial will be at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church (www.stpaulslutheran.net), Hospice of Kankakee Valley (www.hkvcares.org), or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (www.lls.org).

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Funeral Service

OCT **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SH

“*Joan, my heart breaks for you and your family. I am just know learning of Allen's passing. I wish we could be there for you to extend a hug and share your memoiries. Please know that even though we are miles apart, the feelings of deepest loss and sympathy are with you. God Bless and Comfort you. We love you.*

Sharon and family

Sharon Huskins - October 26, 2016 at 11:37 AM

SH

forgive the misspellings!

Sharon Huskins - October 26, 2016 at 11:39 AM

JG

Thanks so much for your kind words, Sharon. Sometimes I feel there are no words to describe this huge loss. Love you guys too.

Joan Gehm - October 26, 2016 at 02:33 PM

LL

Aunt Joan, Leann, Denise, & my mom, Uncle Allen was a great person. Ive never seen him angry,or heard him say any bad things,not once. Im sorry for your loss, Ill keep you in my prayers. Wish he couldve met my daughter at least once. My God rest your soul uncle Allen. My only uncle! We loved going to your house for holidays as kids. Ill miss you too.

Lisa Langdoc - October 30, 2016 at 11:33 PM

JS

“ To Joan and family, my deepest sympathy. Arlen and I will be out of town Sunday. I'll see you Monday. It's so sad, after all you went through.

Jan and Arlen Speckman

Janice Speckman - October 21, 2016 at 04:39 PM

KB

“ Joan and family..It saddens us to learn about Allen's passing. So many years have passed since we last saw the two of you. However, you have our deepest sympathy and know that you're in our thoughts.

*Ken and Elaine Bussert
Parrish, FL*

Ken Elaine Bussert - October 21, 2016 at 03:06 PM

KD

“ Joan and family. I want to extend my sincerest sympathies to you and your family. I know you have all been through so much. Please know that you are all in our hearts and prayers and we are all for you if you need anything at all. Kim DeBord and all of your Riverside Gift Shop family.

Kim DeBord - October 21, 2016 at 01:50 PM

WN

“ *My Deepest Sympathy to Joan and Family and Friends,*

Allen and I grew up together from first grade on. He was my constant companion, often from daylight to dark. As we got on with our lives through high school and the military and then went our separate ways to our families and careers. We were reunited in the last ten years or so, recognizing our friendship and recalling our youthful escapades that kept us constantly laughing for hours.

I will miss Allen. I always accused him of being "older" than me as we were born 23 days apart in November of '43. Our relationship was marked with constant arguing, but only which was better Chevy or Ford when we could afford neither, or Democrat vs. Republican long before we could vote. Most of all, I will miss the Allen I have come to know as we got on in years - how responsible he had become as a husband, father and provider. And how he loved and cared for his wife, my cousin, Joan A. (Henneinke) Gehm.

*Dr. William (Bill) Newman
Kathleen M, Newman*

W.L. Newman - October 20, 2016 at 03:57 PM

KW

I am greatly saddened to learn of Allen's passing. It has been many years since he and I flew together. We bought our paraplanes about the same time and learned to fly together.

Seeing his picture reminds me of his friendly, upbeat personality. He had a great smile. I have never forgotten him. And never will.

Kenneth Wood

Ken Wood - October 22, 2016 at 06:18 PM

AF

Thanks to all for your comforting words, prayers and acts of kindness at this difficult time. He will be in our hearts forever! God bless you all.

Allen Gehm Family - November 02, 2016 at 10:28 PM