



Ambrose A. Martel

April 4, 1922 - January 21, 2011

Ambrose A. Martel, 88, of Kankakee, died Friday (Jan. 21, 2011) at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais, where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Father Charles Wheeler will officiate.

Burial will be in St. Rose Cemetery, Kankakee. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or for Masses.

Mr. Martel retired from ComEd after 39 years of service. He was born April 4, 1922, in Kankakee, the son of George and Roseanna LaMore Martel. He played professional baseball in Triple A with the Cubs organization. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II in the 3rd Army with Gen. Patton in the European Theater of Operations. He was an original member of the West Side Boosters. He enjoyed attending sporting events, especially his grandchildren's.

Surviving are his high school sweetheart, the former Maxine A. Bertrand, whom he married Aug. 26, 1944, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Kankakee; five daughters and sons-in-law, Riana and Kenneth Sweet, of Greendale, Wis., Kathalyn and Angelo Zammuto, of Belvidere, Amy and Edward DeMarah, of Bourbonnais, Mary Kaye Martel and John Carr, of Houston, Texas, Barbara and Steven Blake, of Bourbonnais; 10 grandchildren

and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Lionel, Noel, George, Francis; and two sisters, Madeline Sells and Marie Martel.

Cemetery Details

St. Rose Cemetery

Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **25**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

JAN **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MK

“ *Mk sent a virtual gift in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mk - June 16 at 08:16 PM

MK

“ *Mk lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mk - April 11 at 09:13 PM

MK

“ *Mk sent a virtual gift in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mk - December 24, 2025 at 10:20 PM

MK

“ *Mary K lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mary k - September 28, 2025 at 11:36 PM

MK

“ *Mk sent a virtual gift in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mk - May 12, 2025 at 11:45 PM

MK

“ *Mk lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mk - December 31, 2024 at 10:35 PM

MK

“ *Mary K sent a virtual gift in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mary k - August 24, 2024 at 09:31 PM

MK

“ *Mary Kaye lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mary kaye - March 21, 2024 at 12:38 AM

MK

“ *Mary K lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mary k - December 01, 2022 at 11:20 PM

MK

“ *Mary K lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mary k - October 16, 2022 at 05:43 PM

MK

“ *Mary K lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mary k - June 23, 2021 at 08:59 PM

MK

“ *Mary K sent a virtual gift in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mary k - March 31, 2021 at 10:02 PM

MK

“ *Mary K sent a virtual gift in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mary k - January 21, 2021 at 08:04 AM

MK

“ *Mary Kaye sent a virtual gift in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



Mary Kaye - October 10, 2020 at 09:54 PM

MK

“ *Mary K sent a virtual gift in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mary k - June 21, 2020 at 08:40 PM

MK

“ *Mkm sent a virtual gift in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mkm - May 13, 2020 at 01:02 AM

MK

“ Mary Kaye sent a virtual gift in memory of Ambrose A. Martel



mary kaye - April 20, 2020 at 12:19 AM

MK

“ Mkm sent a virtual gift in memory of Ambrose A. Martel



mkm - March 04, 2020 at 06:16 AM

MK

“ Mary Kaye sent a virtual gift in memory of Ambrose A. Martel



Mary Kaye - January 21, 2020 at 11:53 AM

MK

“ Mary K sent a virtual gift in memory of Ambrose A. Martel



mary k - December 25, 2019 at 09:03 PM

MK

“ *Mk sent a virtual gift in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mk - July 18, 2019 at 07:06 AM

MM

“ *Mary K Martel sent a virtual gift in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



Mary K Martel - May 24, 2019 at 03:11 PM

MK

“ *Mary K sent a virtual gift in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



Mary K - March 05, 2019 at 10:32 AM

MK

“ *Mk sent a virtual gift in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mk - January 23, 2019 at 06:35 AM

MK

“ *Mary K lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mary k - December 12, 2018 at 04:27 PM

MK

“ *Mary K lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mary k - July 17, 2018 at 06:37 AM

MK

“ *Mary K lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



Mary K - March 20, 2018 at 08:36 PM

MK

“ *Mary K lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mary k - March 14, 2017 at 10:05 PM

MM

“ *Mary Martel lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mary martel - September 12, 2016 at 10:19 PM

MK

“ *Mary K lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mary k - November 07, 2015 at 07:25 AM

MK

“ *Mary Kaye lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mary kaye - July 28, 2015 at 07:48 PM

MK

“ *Mary K lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mary k - February 02, 2015 at 12:25 PM

MK

“ *Mary Kaye lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mary kaye - September 30, 2014 at 03:50 PM

MK

“ *Mk lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mk - July 22, 2014 at 01:21 PM

MK

“ *Mkm lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mkm - May 30, 2014 at 03:46 PM

MK

“ *Mary K lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mary k - March 21, 2014 at 10:53 PM

MK

“ *Mkm lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mkm - June 24, 2013 at 02:37 PM

MK

“ *Mkm lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



mkm - April 14, 2013 at 10:02 PM

MK

“ *Mary K lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



Mary K - February 26, 2013 at 04:41 PM

KH

“ *1 file added to the album Photos*



Kathy Holz-Zammuto - December 24, 2011 at 11:52 AM

BB

“ *Barb Blake lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



Barb Blake - December 15, 2011 at 11:53 AM

NA

“ *Nan lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



Nan - October 02, 2011 at 04:43 PM

MM

“ *MARY MARTEL lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel*



MARY MARTEL - August 16, 2011 at 09:39 AM

MM

“ *Missing Dad today*



MARY MARTEL - July 10, 2011 at 11:11 PM

MM

“ Thinking about Dad today.....



mary martel - June 22, 2011 at 10:30 AM

BB

“ Barb Blake lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel



Barb Blake - April 04, 2011 at 01:08 PM

BB

Happy 89th Dad

Barb Blake - April 04, 2011 at 01:09 PM

MK

“ Mary Kaye lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel



Mary Kaye - April 04, 2011 at 07:31 AM

MK

Happy birthday, Dad

Mary Kaye - April 04, 2011 at 07:31 AM

BB

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



ComEd days -
1948 Dad on the
right, Harry Jeck on
the left

Barb Blake - March 25, 2011 at 04:49 PM

BB

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Barb Blake - March 25, 2011 at 04:47 PM

MK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



mary k - March 12, 2011 at 03:46 PM

MK

“ 1 file added to the album Photos



mary k - March 12, 2011 at 03:44 PM

MD

“ Barb and family -- Your father was always so welcoming and friendly. He will be sorely missed. I hope that your wonderful memories of and with him will comfort you during this difficult time. We were all lucky when we were in his presence. Myra



Myra Devine - February 17, 2011 at 02:26 AM

MM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mary Martel - February 07, 2011 at 03:57 PM

DA

“ Dear Barb, My deepest sympathies to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. David A

David Africano - February 04, 2011 at 09:42 AM

SB

Dear David - Thank you for your heartfelt words. After 20+ years in not seeing you, I was very touched with your post. My dad was a great man and our hearts are hurting. It has been very difficult, as I am close to my parents, having lived in town for 53 years. He had a lot of faith and I am sure he is in heaven, playing baseball

Steve and Barb Blake - February 10, 2011 at 08:24 AM

NA

“ Our prayers and sympathy to all of Am's family. We are better for having known Ambrose - what a good and wonderful gentleman. One of the really good guys. May all the joyful memories fill the empty place in your hearts

Nick Shirley Africano - January 25, 2011 at 03:18 PM

LP

“ My Sympathy to you and your family---Lorraine S. Papineau

Lorraine Papineau - January 24, 2011 at 09:51 PM

NS

“ Ambrose was my bosom buddy, my tomato expert, my walking partner, my baseball pitcher, my ride to college, and my Grandpa. His solution for broken things was; "Try a little black tape. That oughta do the trick." Sitting with him on the porch swing was like visiting a history museum; he always talked about way back when...sharing war stories, growing up stories, and asking you about your story. I will truly miss you, Grandpa. You will forever be in my heart. Love, Nan



Nancy Sweet-Docter - January 24, 2011 at 08:01 PM

JO

“ Grandpa took me Golfing for my first time ever. He never let me hit the ball but encouraged me to get in the water and retrieve balls for him. As a Cubs fan I truly appreciate the fact I can tell my friends my grandpa played for the Cubs organization. I wasn't able to be around in the recent years but will cherish my memories with him forever. Thanks for the coolest middle name ever. Joseph Ambrose Christophersen

joe - January 24, 2011 at 04:16 PM

RM

“ Rita & Bill Martell lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel



Rita & Bill Martell - January 24, 2011 at 02:37 PM

CM

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Catherine Martell-Saenz - January 23, 2011 at 02:39 PM

LS

“ Lynn Sheehan lit a candle in memory of Ambrose A. Martel



Lynn Sheehan - January 22, 2011 at 06:57 PM