



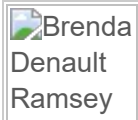
## Armel Denault

May 26, 1933 - February 28, 2005

Armel L. Denault, 71, of West Salem, formerly of Herscher, died Monday (Feb. 28, 2005) at the Danville VA Hospital, after an extended illness. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, West Kankakee, where services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Goodrich. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. Mr. Denault was a self-employed carpenter. He formerly owned Mel's Mobil Station in Bradley. He was born May 26, 1933, in Herscher, the son of Eugene P. and Perdella R. LeGris Denault. His parents are deceased. Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Doug and Cary Denault of Bloomington, Rick and Irene Denault of Moline; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and Gary Ratcliff, Diane and Brad Marcukaitis, all of Kankakee; seven sisters and six brothers-in-law, June and Duane Bertrand of Kankakee, Vonnie Linneman of Bourbonnais, his twin, Ardelle and Rusty Ommen of Bradley, Angie and Ralph Alson of Joliet, Celest Schoolman of Onarga, Carol Jean and Nick Veronda of Kankakee, Arlene and Gayle Kirchner of Ashkum, John Block of Kankakee; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Vernel "Bud" and Helen Denault of Herscher, Joseph Denault of Sherman, Texas; 10 grandchildren, Soliel and Bronson Ratcliff, Jacob and Olivia Marcukaitis, Brittany, Rebekah, Garad and Caleb Denault, Carson and Lance Denault; and former wife, Carol A. Denault of Bourbonnais. Two sisters, Marilyn Block and Juanita Denault; and one grandson, Nathan Denault, are deceased. He was a volunteer at the VA in Danville, the Danville Rescue Mission, and at the Salvation Army in

Kankakee. Mr. Denault served in the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the Christian Church of West Salem. He loved to pray. Everywhere he was his life became a prayer for righteousness. He loved to sing. His favorites were "How Great Thou Art," "Amazing Grace" and "The Old Rugged Cross." His motto was "Let Go and Let God." He was very kind and compassionate and loved his family. They were his greatest treasure. He loved His Lord and Savior Christ Jesus first and foremost. He was a servant of all. He loved to watch baseball and basketball. He was very loved and will be greatly missed.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brenda Denault Ramsey lit a candle in memory of Armel Denault*



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“ *I just wanted to say how much I used to enjoy Armel as I was growing up. i¿½I used to ride my bike to go play with my cousins and he was the only boy in the bunch. i¿½We always had so much fun playing in those days long ago.<br><br><br><br>Thanks for letting me know of his death and I join with the rest of the relatives to say, May he rest in peace.<br><br><br><br>My deepest sympathy to his family and to his brothers and sisters in the area. i¿½Del##imported-begin##Edell M. Denault Schroeder##imported-end##*

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“ I remember my Grandpa was a very joyful person, he ate cheerios with grape juice and loved walking, especially to a pond that was about a mile from his home. At that pond he could find a peace that he could not get at his home or anywhere else, but now he is in so much peace that he can't get away from it. He loved to be alone where he could think without any interruptions, when I asked if I could go on a walk with him he said "no, It's too cold outside for you" or "not this time". He was very funny and fun to be around. I will always remember his spirit and life.  
  
Sincerely,  
  
Bronson  
  
P.S. I can't wait to see you well Grandpa!  
Bronson Ratcliff

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“ Save a place for us...see you then  
Susan Lagesse

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“ (This goes at the top of my previous mail,pls add since my computer quit)To finish the acronymn;<br><br>A is for amiable, honorable man.<br><br>R is for respectable person.<br><br>M is for marvelous work of art in God's ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½plan.<br><br><br><br>E is for Expressive one who showed me the meaning of your quote, "stay between the ditches" is stick to the narrow path it leads to life forever but the wide, broad path leads to destruction and death eternal.<br><br><br><br>L is for loving,loyal and devoted to the end of time.<br><br><br><br>All these things are you Dad, thanks for all the good memories I'll cherish forever.<br><br>Thanks for teaching us by example life in Christ for in Him there is really no end. <br><br>Good Bye just for now Love.<br><br>your Debi###imported-begin##Debi###imported-end##

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“Dad, here's an acronym for your name;  
A is for Amialbe,  
honorable man.  
R  
Dad your genuine, deep love  
has been a safe spot and haven in a very hardened, sinful world for  
all your children and grand-children and friends. Thank You!  
Many memories run through my mind like going to antique  
shops and churches together. It was about a decade ago that  
you accepted Christ in a personal life-changing way into your heart  
and something angelic came over you. We volunteered at the  
Salv. Army together one Christmas and it was all service with a  
smile, in our Santa hats. You took care of the people like Christ  
did. You knew you were NOW anointed in Christ's presence  
forevermore and now you never cared what anyone like the world  
thought of you. With your Lord, you were a caring, fearless, bold  
bright Dad, like David over Goliath; who shined Christ's unique love  
and light everywhere. Like you said after the change of heart,  
"God isn't deaf" & "All that matters is what God thinks on a matter."  
In other words what does the Bible say? You  
taught me the beauty in keeping things simple which is in line with  
another of your mottos; "KISS...Keep It Simple Sally"  
Also your motto; Let go and let God showed your perfect  
TRUST in the Creator of all the stars, earth and sky.  
You have the patience of Job  
which is one of your favorite reads for your daily Bible times.  
Your devotion to God has helped me especially at a  
time like this. Even though you repeatedly over the past decade told  
me I was the key to your deliverance in Christ, I say you inspired me  
to go up a notch in Jesus. I'd say God has a real good  
sense of humor. I'll never forget our last  
singing session and ministering to the Vets at the Shelter together  
last Christmas. Every time I hear "How Great Thou Art" I  
think of you; your bright blue eyes and your fullness of Spirit as you  
sang it. It reminds me of the ways God made you and how you  
obeyed His call. Your honest ways and unconditional love makes  
me say how great you are. When we lived in  
Mattoon, you'd be by us quite often and then we got a pool, you'd  
flip off that board and fly. How you loved the water, I remember

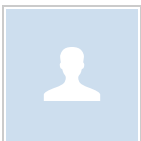
a time we came to Danville picked you up and took you out on the boat. ĩ½You wanted to swim so bad that you couldn't wait to jump in. ĩ½So in Gary's suit you took the dive and did not come up for a moment - my heart sank. ĩ½Then UP you came laughing and kicking. ĩ½Well we all jumped in and swam a while, what a joy!  
<br><br>Well my heart may feel like sinking now and tears may flow at times but all I can say is THANKS for going up, (not down) and paving the way so we can all swim and party together again someday. I vow to do my best, and stay connected to Christ so more will know and the reunion will be all joy, ĩ½like in the water.  
<br><br> ĩ½ĩ½Through the years you have taught me the importance of doing my best.<br><br>Thank you for showing us true LIFE is on the UP side, because here is but a vapor and the short-side, as the Bible says and as you showed us. See you in your mansion someday.<br><br>Love isn't a Big enough word here,  
<br><br>You are easy to love like you always told me. ĩ½<br><br>Hugs and kisses, <br><br>Your firstborn who was once a newborn with peanut-butter lips,<br><br>Debi###imported-begin###Debi Denault Ratcliff###imported-end###

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“ I remember most about Grandpa was watching westerns all day long. And if westerns weren't on we watched Rocky. Grandpa was a great fighter through the time I got to know him. Always enjoyed the time we spent. Maybe we can catch a great western flick someday again soon. See ya Later.. Jake###imported-begin###Jacob Marcukaitis###imported-end###

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“ May the Angels lead you into Paradise, and may you have rest everlasting.###imported-begin###Armilla Cury###imported-end###

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“ I loved my grandpa very much, and I will miss him dearly. The most powerful memory I have from him is he was always helping people out no matter what. And I know I will see him again in Heaven someday. He is the best grandpa ever!!!! He will always live in my heart, and I will always love him.##imported-begin##Olivia##imported-end##

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“ The memory I will have best of Armel is that he was a survivor. He went through many challenges in the time that I knew him, and he always seemed to find a way through those challenges, and come out stronger and wiser. I deeply respected his love for God, and his love for his family. He absolutely adored each and every one of his Grandchildren, and he loved to let them know that. I can only hope that I am able to be blessed in my lifetime, the same way he was blessed in his. I will surely miss his smile and his smiling eyes, which he loved to share with all of us. I am a better man today because of what Armel gave to me. A sense of pride in yourself, showing your family everyday that you love them, and giving God the glory in all that you do.##imported-begin##Brad Marcukaitis##imported-end##

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“ Dear Ardele, Angela and family,<br><br>So sorry to hear about Armel's passing. You have our sincere sympathy. <br><br>God Bless,<br><br>Donna and Merlyn##imported-begin##Donna and Merlyn Witheft##imported-end##

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“ I am sorry I did not make it to the wake. ĩ ĩ½My sympathies are with all the family.<br><br><br><br>ĩ ĩ½ĩ ĩ½ĩ ĩ½ĩ ĩ½ĩ ĩ½ĩ ĩ½ĩ ĩ½ĩ ĩ½ĩ ĩ½ĩ ĩ½ĩ ĩ½ĩ ĩ½ĩ ĩ½ĩ ĩ½Alice##importea begin##Alice Mogensen##imported-end##

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