



## Arthur J. Billings

May 6, 1930 - November 4, 2020

Arthur J. "Art" Billings, 90, passed away Wednesday, November 4, 2020, at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

He was born on May 6, 1930 St. Anne, IL the son of Arthur W. and Dollie Soucie Billings. Art married Lois Minor on August 21, 1970, in St. Anne. They celebrated 50 years this past August. She survives.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Brad (Karen) Billings, of Grayslake, IL, John (Juanita) Billings, of Clarksville, TN and Joel (Deanna) Billings of Geneva, IL; one daughter, Christina Billings of Gary, IN and 9 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Art had previously worked at Gould Battery in Kankakee, and retired from there in 1999.

He served proudly in the U.S. Air Force as a sergeant from 1950 to 1954.

As a current member and a past Commander of VFW Post 842, St. Anne, he helped lead the drive in the construction of the Veteran's Memorial of St Anne and was active in its maintenance.

Art was a dedicated member and elder of the First Baptist Church in St. Anne.

Art enjoyed golf and shared many rounds with his sister-in-law, Grace Minor.

An avid sports fan, He especially enjoyed local high school basketball, namely the St. Anne Cardinals. He was also a life-long Chicago Cubs fan, having listened to the games over the radio with his Grandfather. He lived with their roller-coaster fortunes and was thrilled when they won the World Series. He

took great pride in maintaining a large garden and loved sharing its bounty with family and friends. He particularly cherished family time.

There will be a walk-through visitation on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in St. Anne, IL. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing guidelines.

A private funeral service will be held for immediate family at the conclusion of the visitation. The family is saddened to have to limit attendance, due to the current COVID climate. The service will be recorded and a link will be posted at the [stannebaptist.org](http://stannebaptist.org), immediately following the service.

Interment with military honors will follow at St. Anne Township Cemetery in St. Anne Township.

Memorials may be made to family wishes.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Anne Township Cemetery

South Route 1  
St. Anne, IL 60964  
(815) 427-8346

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **24**. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
205 W. Sheffield  
St. Anne, IL 60964

# Tribute Wall



“ *Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Arthur J. Billings*



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - November 19, 2020 at 06:16 PM

JB

*That was a beautiful video, thank you!*

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**John Billings** - November 19, 2020 at 06:30 PM

JB

*This is a beautiful video filled with lots of wonderful memories. Thank you.*

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**Juanita Billings** - November 19, 2020 at 08:03 PM

BS

*This is a wonderful memorial of Art's life. Do you notice he is smiling in most every photo? He was friendly, caring and inspirational during the many years I knew him. Wish we had lived closer.*

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**Bob Stewart** - November 21, 2020 at 01:57 PM

TT

“ *My prayers are with all of you. I will always remember Mr. and Mrs. Billings from church. They were always so kind and caring. Thank you for sharing your love of Jesus with all of us.*

*Teresa (Cranston) Telford*

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**Teresa Telford** - December 11, 2020 at 12:18 PM

PG

“ *Art was a gentle soul. He would do a lot of research and then come into Paperback Reader to order the book he wanted. A wonderful man.*  
*Paula Paperback Reader*

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**Paula Goodwin** - November 28, 2020 at 07:32 PM

DL

“ *To Lois and Family,*  
  
*Heartfelt Sympathy.*  
  
*Lois Sirois Billings*  
*Donna and George Moore*  
*Dale and Jane Sirois*

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**Denise Lynn** - November 24, 2020 at 01:59 PM

DL

“ *To the Billings Family,*  
  
*What a beautiful video of great times had with the Billings family. We were very sad to hear of Art's passing. He will be missed, but your lives will be filled with many happy memories (good life; good memories).*

*Deepest Sympathy,*

*With Love,*

*Bonnie and Denise Lynn*

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**Denise Lynn** - November 23, 2020 at 09:42 PM

TL

“ I met Art when he came to work at Gould./GNB/Exide Battery and we became friends from about the first day he started. Art always was wearing a smile and the most positive person I have ever known. I would run into him once in a while after he left the Plant and I always was glad to see him and he always seemed to be glad to see me. Last time I saw him was at Casey's in St Anne selling POPPIES. He was a great guy who will be missed by all that knew him. My condolences to his family on their loss. God Bless



*Ted Lease*

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**Ted Lease** - November 23, 2020 at 11:55 AM

CB

*Thank you Ted! Thanks for sharing. - Chris (his daughter)*

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**Christina Billings** - November 23, 2020 at 04:41 PM

RB

“ Sorry to learn of Art's passing. Our condolences to his family.

*Bob & Sandra Bovie*

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**Robert J Bovie** - November 22, 2020 at 10:01 AM



“ 93 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - November 19, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Frank Hosek** - November 19, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. *Barb Jensen Jackson...Wanda Lee Arseneau Jensen's daughter*



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**Barb Jensen Jackson** - November 18, 2020 at 09:34 AM