



## Ben Caffee Jr.

December 23, 1921 - January 19, 2010

Visitation for Ben Caffee Jr., 88, of Kankakee, will be from 9 a.m. Saturday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, until the procession to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church for a 10:30 a.m. funeral Mass. Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. Memorials may be made for Masses or to the family wishes. He died Tuesday (Jan. 19, 2010) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital. Mr. Caffee was a retired supervisor in quality control from Roper Corp., Kankakee Division, after 42 years. He was born Dec. 23, 1921, in Marseilles, the son of Ben Sr. and Sarah Wilson Caffee. He was the former union president at Roper and had also been assistant superintendent of Kankakee Public Works. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Pacific Theater, earning the Purple Heart and three Bronze Stars. He was a member of the Moose Lodge, Roper Keyman Club and the Kankakee American Legion Post 85. Surviving are his wife, the former Eileen Crawley, whom he married Dec. 8, 1945, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee; one daughter, Sondra "Sandy" Cromwell of Kankakee; one grandson, Eric (Christin) Beach of Bradley; and one great-granddaughter, Sydney. Deceased are his parents, three brothers and five sisters.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Best grandfather any person could ask for. Love him with all my heart. Your grandson eric*

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**eric beach** - June 14, 2015 at 04:24 PM



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - December 07, 2010 at 03:33 PM



“ *We are so truly sorry for your loss. ĩ½Our thoughts and prayers are for you and your family. ĩ½###imported-begin##Edwin & Mandi Darr###imported-end##*

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“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Sarah Soleau###imported-end##*

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“ Met Ben at Ropers long ago. We became friends and we did a lot of hunting together around Cabery Illinois.<br><br>Ben was a pretty darn good shot.<br><br>My sympathy to his family.<br><br>Jerry Jones##imported-begin##Jerry Jones##imported-end##

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“ Sandy,<br><br> i ċ 1/2 i ċ 1/2 Our deepest sympathies to you and your family at the loss of your Dad. i ċ 1/2 We shared a lot of fun times at the old Roper Company. i ċ 1/2 Your dad was a good man and always worth a laugh. i ċ 1/2 He had a long good life and that is something to be thankful for. i ċ 1/2 We would pay our respects in person, but we are out of town. i ċ 1/2 Our best to you and your family.<br><br><br><br> i ċ 1/2 i ċ 1/2 i ċ 1/2 i ċ 1/2 i ċ 1/2 i ċ 1/2 i ċ 1/2 i ċ 1/2 i ċ 1/2 i ċ 1/2 Dewey & Lou Kilbride##imported-begin##Dewey & Lou Kilbride##imported-end##

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“ Dear Eileen, Sandy and Eric,  
We are sorry that we only recently heard of Ben's passing. It was just months ago that we visited with Ben and you, Eileen, at Blue's, in Kankakee. Ben had a youthful quality that was remarkable. Our oldest sons remember Ben performing his string and finger games with them when they were younger. And both of us think back to the days when we were welcomed by you as the new kids on the block at Roper party events.  $\frac{1}{2}$   
We have Ben to thank for the mixed breed dog, "Link" that he asked us to give a home to. Our sons loved that dog so much.  $\frac{1}{2}$   
May you be supported by good memories of your special Ben. seemed to change.  $\frac{1}{2}$   
God Bless you each and all,  
In sympathy,  
The Wilkeys, Sr. `##imported-begin##`elmira and `gene##imported-end##`

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