



Bennie Carmain

September 19, 1943 - December 16, 2025

Bennie Carmain, age 82, of Bourbonnais, passed away Tuesday, December 16, 2025 surrounded by loved ones.

He was born September 19, 1943 in Kankakee, the son of Clyde & Elsie Copping Carmain.

Bennie married Anna Eby on September 19, 2020 at Grace Community United Methodist Church in Bourbonnais.

Bennie served as a lieutenant with the Kankakee Fire Department from 1969 until his retirement in 2008.

He loved to play Euchre with friends. There wasn't anything he couldn't fix. Bennie enjoyed building things and was a tremendous Harley collector. He loved riding all over the country. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family – especially his grandchildren. He made every holiday memorable.

Bennie helped build and was a life-long active member of Grace Community United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Anna Carmain of Bourbonnais; two sons, Brian Carmain of Limestone and Jason (Tammy) Carmain of Limestone; one daughter, Melinda (Keith) Lange of Crescent City; grandchildren, Courtney (Chris) Carmain of Phoenix, AZ, Kaden, Makenzie, and Jayden Carmain all of Limestone; step-children, Tonya (David) Talsma of Elgin, Lesley Valdez of Gilman, James Barnett of Bourbonnais, Crissy (Michael) Sabol of Wateska, and Steven Barnett of Gilman; step-grandchildren, Tyler, Roberto, Derek, Stephanie, Ashley, Hunter, Alexis, Kate, Jaeton, and Trystyn; and several

nieces and nephews.

Bennie is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Clyde Carmain; one sister, Edith Nottke; and one daughter, Michelle Carmain.

Visitation will be held 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

An additional visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Friday, December 19, 2025 at Grace Community United Methodist Church in Bourbonnais.

Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Chebanse.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Chebanse, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

DEC 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Community United Methodist Church
735 Main St. NW
Bourbonnais, IL
(815) 932-4011
<http://www.bourbonnaisgrace.org/>

Funeral Service

DEC 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Community United Methodist Church
735 Main St. NW
Bourbonnais, IL
(815) 932-4011
<http://www.bourbonnaisgrace.org/>

Tribute Wall

SD

“ *Shelly Dupuis lit a candle in memory of Bennie Carmain*



Shelly Dupuis - December 20, 2025 at 12:27 PM

MZ

“ *Mindy and family,
Sorry for your loss. Keeping you and your
family in our thoughts and prayers.*



MaDonna (Mazzuchi) Zasada - December 19, 2025 at 06:50 AM



“ *My condolences to Ben's family.
Always enjoyed our conversations.
Great guy and will be missed. RI P my friend.*

John Webber - December 18, 2025 at 08:22 PM

LG

“ *i ment ben at a singles group played alot of eucher wittth him had
lots of good laughs he will be missed rest in pease mr.ben*

linda gocken - December 17, 2025 at 07:57 PM

TC

“ Tom Cermak sent a virtual gift in memory of Bennie Carmain



Tom cermak - December 17, 2025 at 06:45 PM

TC

He was a good friend I'll miss him

Tom cermak - December 17, 2025 at 06:47 PM

MG

“ Sending condolences to the family



Madonna Gossett - December 17, 2025 at 05:00 PM



“ Bennie and I were classmates in Clifton and at Central. I always enjoyed our time together at our class reunions. He shared a lot about his travels on his Harley and wanted to hear about things going on in my life. He was a good listener and a loyal classmate. He never talked about the fact that he spent almost 40 years in the fire service. I wish I would have know about that too, but Bennie was a pretty quiet and humble classmate. I will miss him at our future reunions.

Dave Hendron - December 17, 2025 at 04:10 PM

RG

“ Robert Gessner lit a candle in memory of Bennie Carmain



Robert Gessner - December 17, 2025 at 11:19 AM

MH

“ Dear Brian and Family,

I'm really sorry to hear about your dad passing away. It's been a while since high school, but I still think of you as a good friend from back then.

I remember your dad as a really nice guy who was always supportive.

With deepest sympathy,^[SEP]
Mark Hourihan

Mark Hourihan - December 17, 2025 at 10:01 AM

KL

“ Lasting Impressions staff members extend their deepest sympathy to Ben's family & friends. We'll miss Ben's smile, dedication & hard work while fixing and repairing everything!



Kari Livesey - December 16, 2025 at 08:42 PM

JC

“ Thoughts & prayers to Ben's family.



Jacque Cuchiara - December 16, 2025 at 06:59 PM

RP

“ Faithful, dependable, and caring friend. He will be greatly missed.

Rick and Beth Poen

Rick Poen - December 16, 2025 at 06:39 PM

AS

“ Sending prayers to the family of Ben. I'm very sorry for your loss.

Angel Stone of Orlando, Fl.



Angel Stone - December 16, 2025 at 06:31 PM

TL

“ Remember the good old day on the Kankakee Fire Department. RIP Bennie and God Speed Brother.

Terry Lewis - December 16, 2025 at 06:24 PM

DL

“ *Rest in Peace Bennie.*



Debra K. Lambert - December 16, 2025 at 05:40 PM

JJ

“ *Jolinda Jones lit a candle in memory of Bennie Carmain*



Jolinda Jones - December 16, 2025 at 05:38 PM

AM

*Bennie was one of the best
Al May*

Albert May - December 16, 2025 at 09:12 PM

JJ

Ben was so caring, so helpful, so loving, so supportive of his Grace family, always a smile and I will miss him and his Trustee leadership! Sending my heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Anna and family.

Judith M Johnston - December 17, 2025 at 04:21 PM