



## Bennie Lee Sarff

July 11, 1927 - November 26, 2023

Bennie Lee Sarff, age 96 of Manteno passed away Sunday, November 26, 2023, at Illinois Veterans Home, Manteno. He was born July 11, 1927, in Pekin, IL, the son of Harold and Opal (Canopy) Sarff. Bennie married Betty Senesac on September 25, 1948. She preceded him in death in 2003. Bennie married Dorene Blanchette on July 2, 2005, at St. George Catholic Church, St. George.

Bennie held various management positions at Rudy's Grocery Store and Scotlad Foods. Bennie enjoyed having a beer and watching the sunset. He loved the beach, warm weather, socializing, and bowling. Bennie was a bugle player for the Drum and Bugle Corp with the American Legion. He was an active member of the St. George American Legion 1164.

Bennie was a veteran of the United States Coast Guard serving in World War II. He was a participant in the Honor Flight in 2013.

Bennie was a parishioner of St. George Catholic Church, St. George.

Surviving is his wife, Dorene of Manteno; two sons, Larry (Kathy) Sarff of Canton, IL, Terry (Debbie) of Dwight; one daughter, Barbara (Zane) Kelleher of Ft. Lauderdale; two step sons, David (Kathy) Baker of Manteno, Mark Baker of Bradley; two step daughters, Cheryl (Dean) Wollenzein of Kankakee, Lori (Dan) Kalafut of North Carolina; five grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; twelve step grandchildren; and twenty-six step great grandchildren.

Bennie is preceded in death by his first wife, Betty.

Memorial visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. until the time of the 2:00 p.m. memorial service on Sunday, December 3, 2023, at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. Reverend Dan Belanger will officiate the service. Inurnment will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 2023, at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Memorials may be made to St. George American Legion 1164, Uplifted Care of Bourbonnais, or St. George Catholic Church, St. George.

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

DEC 3. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

DEC 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Inurnment

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DEC 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery  
20953 Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Tribute Wall

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“ We would like to say we have known Bennie for many year our deepest sympathy to Dorene and the family God Bless Keith and Paula Selk Cincinnati Ohio

Paula and Keith Selk - December 01, 2023 at 07:40 AM

JH

“ I will remember Bennie for his humor, kindness, his stories he left a lot of wonderful memories for family and friends praying for the family



Joann & Scott Hubbard - November 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM

CD

“ Chuck & Nancy Dixon lit a candle in memory of Bennie Lee Sarff



Chuck & Nancy Dixon - November 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM

BH

“ Bryan & Joelene Hays lit a candle in memory of Bennie Lee Sarff



Bryan & Joelene Hays - November 28, 2023 at 10:39 AM

VH

“ Vickie Hammond lit a candle in memory of  
Bennie Lee Sarff



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**Vickie Hammond** - November 28, 2023 at 09:18 AM

TE

“ Tim And Connie Eaker lit a candle in memory  
of Bennie Lee Sarff



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**Tim and Connie Eaker** - November 27, 2023 at 09:27 PM