



Bernard F. Lambert

November 5, 1926 - September 20, 2016

Bernard F. Lambert, age 89, of Bradley, passed away September 20, 2016 at Miller Health Care Center in Kankakee.

He was born November 5, 1926, in Manteno, the son of Arthur and Eva Boucher Lambert.

He married Shirley J. Hasemeyer Smrcina September 23, 1995 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee. She preceded him in death July 18, 2011.

Bernard worked for Paramount Textile and the Corn Mill Division of General Foods. Deciding farming was where he belonged, he joined his brother, Orell in 1955. He farmed for 61 years. He helped carry on a tradition in the Lambert Boucher family that started in Bourbonnais and Manteno in the middle 1800's. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving with the 45th Infantry Division, Mechanized Cavalry in Germany and Austria during World War II.

Bernard was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church where he served as a Eucharistic Minister and was involved in many parish events. He belonged to the Holy Name Society and Knights of Columbus.

Surviving are two sisters, Madeline Roe and Margaret Bullock of Bradley; one brother, Orell Lambert of Bourbonnais; and two stepsons, Rick (Cheryl) Smrcina of Sarasota, FL and Brad (Barb) Smrcina of Benton, TN. To his many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews he was "Uncle Bernard" or "Uncle Bernie". He knew the dates they were born, attended their weddings, and was part of their family gatherings. With his sharp mind and twinkling smile he shared the family genealogy.

In addition to his wife Shirley, he is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers and four sisters-in-law , Edmond (Rose), Robert (Rita), Leo (Oline), and Mary Martha Lambert; four brothers-in-law, Tom Roe, Sanky Latham, Neil Lockwood, and Ira Bullock; two nieces, Diane Latham and Patty O'Hearn; and one nephew David Lambert.

Visitation will be held 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. Sunday, September 25, 2016 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 26, 2016 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee. Rev. Charles Wheeler will officiate the mass. Interment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to the St. Rose Food Pantry or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

SEP **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Church
486 W. Merchant St.
Kankakee, IL
(815) 933-9391
<http://www.strosekankakee.com/index.htm>

Tribute Wall

WR

“ *Wendy Rolph lit a candle in memory of Bernard F. Lambert*



Wendy Rolph - November 07, 2016 at 05:44 PM

VD

“ *Virginia R Dominick lit a candle in memory of Bernard F. Lambert*



Virginia R Dominick - September 25, 2016 at 01:14 PM



May the Lord take you in his arms RIP Benard F Lambert love Hilda and Angel Melendez

Hilda Melendez - September 25, 2016 at 05:53 PM

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“ All of us have had our own life experiences with Bernard. To me he was my friend, my neighbor and one of the people I've come to know, love and respect. We shared hours and hours just sitting and talking to one another in the yard or in the house about anything and everything. He sure does love his family. You are truly blessed. He watched over me and I him. Every year I would bring him (and Shirley) a basket of flowers to hang in his yard. He told me how he loved to sit in the kitchen or outside in his chair and be able to look at something beautiful. I feel blessed to have been his friend and neighbor for 10 years. What I enjoyed the most was the huge hug we would share each time we saw one another. I do and will miss him dearly. I am a better person for knowing him. He will live on in my heart forever.
Anne Harris and Family. ”



Anne Harris - September 24, 2016 at 05:14 PM

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“ A great person, may he be with Jesus forever. I helped Orel and Bernard harvest corn in the fall of 1966. Charlie Rudolphi ”

charles rudolphi - September 23, 2016 at 10:00 AM



May the Lord hold you in his arms RIP Bernard lambert love angel and Hilda Melendez

Hilda Melendez - September 25, 2016 at 06:00 PM

OR

Hi Charles Thank You for remembering ..Bernard.. Hasn't farming changed since 1966??? Hope you are doing well. Orell Lambert

Orell - October 23, 2016 at 06:46 PM