



Bernard H. "Red" LaMontagne

August 2, 1931 - January 3, 2025

Bernard H. "Red" LaMontagne, age 93, of Kankakee passed away Friday, January 3, 2025 at Citadel of Kankakee. He was born August 2, 1931 in Kankakee County, the son of Henry & Rosalee (Lewark) LaMontagne.

Bernard married Velma Ponton on September 5, 1953 at St. John the Baptist Church in L'Erable. She preceded him in death on October 2, 2021 after 68 years of marriage.

Red was a truck driver for Rudolph Express for 32 years. He enjoyed playing horseshoes with family, playing cards, and watching wrestling with his brother-in-law, Bud. Red liked to watch westerns, including Gunsmoke, Rawhide, Gene Autry, and Roy Rogers. He was an avid Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears fan. Red liked to listen to the police and fire scanner. He enjoyed daily breakfast with his wife, family, and friends. Red loved to study and talk about local history and his roots in Kankakee County.

Surviving are three sons, David LaMontagne of Kankakee, James H. (Sherry) LaMontagne of Grant Park, and Gerald LaMontagne of Bradley; one sister, Linda Duby of St. Anne; one sister-in-law, Judith LaMontagne of Washington; two grandchildren, Katelyn (Derek) Beasley of Bradley and Samuel H.

"Sammy" LaMontagne of Grant Park; one great-grandson, Aaron James Beasley; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, Red is preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Mary LaMontagne; brothers, Armand "Joe" (Rita) LaMontagne, Robert (Erlene) LaMontagne, Donald LaMontagne; sisters, Eva Marie LaMontagne, Shirley Faith, and Sandy

LaMontagne; and brothers-in-law, Clifford "Pete" (Sylvia) Ponton, Clarence "Bud" (Dorothy) Rasmussen, Russell (Donna) Ponton, and Harold (Shirley) Denoyer.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until the time of the Noon funeral service on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Deacon Patrick Skelly will officiate the service. Interment will follow at St. John the Baptist Cemetery in L'Erable.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes to donate to a charity of their choice.

Cemetery Details

St. John the Baptist Cemetery

L'Erable, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

JAN 11. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KM

“ Keith & Janice Mercier lit a candle in memory of Bernard H. "Red" LaMontagne



Keith & Janice Mercier - January 09, 2025 at 09:11 AM

GW

“ Sending my condolences to the family. I took care of Bernard at Heritwood Memory Care in Watseka. We all loved him so much. I have so many wonderful memories of him. I even watch a Western now just to think of him. We had a lot of conversations. He was a wonderful person. I'll always cherish him and keep him in my heart. 🙏❤️



Gina Worthey - January 09, 2025 at 01:30 AM

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“ Carlson and Florenz Families purchased the I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket for the family of Bernard H. "Red" LaMontagne.



Carlson and Florenz Families - January 07, 2025 at 06:31 PM

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“ *Janet Rasmussen lit a candle in memory of
Bernard H. "Red" LaMontagne*



Janet Rasmussen - January 07, 2025 at 10:52 AM