



## Bernhardt "Ben" Schiel

May 29, 1951 - June 8, 2020

Bernhardt "Ben" Schiel, age 69, of Bourbonnais, passed away Monday, June 8, 2020 at his daughter's home in Bourbonnais.

Ben was born May 29, 1951 in Neu enhain, Germany, the son of Klemens & Klementina Schippelbein Schiel.

He retired from CSL Behring.

Ben was a member of X-Line Sportsman's Club. He was a volunteer at the Manteno Veterans Home, where he did woodworking. Ben enjoyed his annual fishing trips to the Great Lakes.

Ben was passionate about cars and liked working on cars and motorcycles.

He also enjoyed repairing and flying airplanes with his good friend, Pete.

He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He never missed a sporting event.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Dawn & Scott Tsilis of Bourbonnais; two grandchildren, Sara Tsilis and Luke Tsilis; three sisters and three brothers-in-law, Erica & Gene Schwanbeck of Rochester, MN, Monica & Mark Powell of Bourbonnais, and Chris & Tony Bray of Normal; one brother, Reinholdt Schiel of Kankakee; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and many good friends.

Ben is preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation rites will be accorded.

A memorial visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until the 6:00 p.m. memorial service on Friday, June 19, 2020 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home,

Bourbonnais. Deacon Patrick Skelly will officiate the memorial service.  
Private family inurnment will be held at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais.  
We ask that everyone attending the visitation and service please wear a mask  
and follow all social distancing guidelines.  
Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUN 19. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

EC

“ I so wish I was able to be there w/you all...  
Cousin Benny was such a kind man my heart  
Breaking I send you all my deepest  
sympathies. I always remember when I came  
out in summer. Would be able to see the  
family,the reunions, everyone dropping by Omie and Opa. Dawn  
and I would hang out ... My thoughts, my love goes out to this  
HUGE loss in our family. His smile and all will be sorely missed.



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**Erica Habich Chambers** - June 19, 2020 at 06:52 AM

RO

“ Dear Dawn, Erica, Reinholt, Monica, Chrissy and family,  
It is with a heavy heart to hear of the lose of my dear first cousin.  
We had so much fun as kids with snow ball fights in the winter,  
playing softball in the fields, family gatherings every Sunday,  
frequent picnics, and, of course, walking back and forth to school  
from Steuben as kindergartners. As we got older Ben would always  
meet up with us while Zeynep and Dawn played together.  
Ben was a gentle soul and was always sparked by a joke to keep  
the gathering jovial. He was loved by all and will truly be missed.  
May he rest in peace and be comforted by the hands of God as he  
watches over us now. Wishing all of us the patience and endurance  
to accept the pain of his loss. With sympathy and love to all,  
Rosie, Mehmet, Zeynep Ann, and Mehmet Can

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**Rosie** - June 19, 2020 at 04:50 AM

BE

“ So sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy to all of Ben's family.

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**Beth Erzinger** - June 18, 2020 at 07:23 PM

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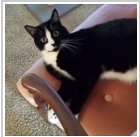
“ Dawn, Erica, Reinhold, Monica, Chris and Family. So sorry to hear about Ben. It took me several days to comprehend that the news was real. Ben had a special place in my heart. He was an exceptional Godfather and I always enjoyed his company....he always had a joke to share that would make you laugh. These fond memories will not be forgotten. His love for his family and grands kids were deep. Dawn you could always tell that he was soooo proud of you and your family especially the grand kids. He would always share your families accomplishments. Cherish those thoughts, memories and quality time that you were able to share forever.

*He was a very humble and honorable man....that is why I looked up to him....Ben you will be sadly missed. You are in a better place and someday we will all meet again.*

*Pete and Denise Schiel Family*

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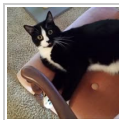
**Pete Schiel** - June 18, 2020 at 03:24 PM



“ My sympathy to Ben's family. When I saw his name from the Class of '69 I immediately went to read his obituary. Our family lived across the alley from the Schiel family back in the 50's, we went to kindergarten together at Steuben school and I'm not sure if we went to first grade together or not?? Anyway, Ben was a fun kid to know. I see life was good to him and he had many friends who cared for him. RIP Ben!

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**Maureen Ducat** - June 17, 2020 at 04:44 PM



*Maiden name Fitzgerald - Maureen Fitzgerald Ducat*

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**Maureen Ducat** - June 17, 2020 at 04:45 PM

JF

“ *Both Leonard and I worked with Ben for many years. He was one of the best we have ever known. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Rest in peace Ben. Leonard and Jan Flock*

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**Jan and Leonard Flock** - June 17, 2020 at 02:19 PM



“ *97 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - June 17, 2020 at 09:08 AM

DS

“ *I worked with Ben for many years, and I will always remember him telling jokes. My sympathy goes out to his family . Rest In Peace Ben*

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**Danny Statler** - June 14, 2020 at 12:18 AM

NS

“ Ben’s family:

*Sorry to hear about Ben. Ben did some trapshooting at Exline Gun Club when my late husband Ralph Ferrari managed the club. Please accept my sympathy, and prayers. God be with you.*

*Natalene Ferrari Schultz*

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**Natalene Ferrari Schultz** - June 12, 2020 at 11:43 AM

JS

“ We are sending our sympathy to Ben's family. Ben worked for me for 25 years at Armour/CSL Behring. I may have been his boss but more importantly I was his friend. His jokes made the work day interesting. Ben and I went every Tuesday to the Manteno Veterans Home for wood shop. We did a variety of projects and he always corrected me to make sure I did it correctly even when I pierced his finger with a nail brad. I will miss his calls reminding me that something worth while is on TV. Ben was a good friend that I could always count on, I will miss him. Rest in Peace Ben. Jim and Nancy Smith

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**Jim Smith** - June 11, 2020 at 04:06 PM

MM

“ MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of Bernhardt "Ben" Schiel



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**MR MRS** - June 11, 2020 at 09:57 AM

RM

“ *Our sympathy for your loss Dawn. May your memories bring more smiles than tears and keep him close in your heart.*

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**Rose Mitchell** - June 11, 2020 at 09:34 AM

DT

“ *Ben my Friend we miss you especially on the Holidays we spent together. Sitting with you at our Grandkids Ballgames was priceless. Rest in Peace my Friend.*

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**Dieter Theobald** - June 10, 2020 at 09:22 PM

ER

“ *To the Family of Ben Schiel: I can only say I admired Ben's love and kindness he shared with all of us and most of all the skill he had in anything he would do. If you were the recipient of any of his work you hold a true treasure. Ben painted a Red Volkswagen Beetle for Tony and I when I was a teenager and his wood carving skills were something to behold. I could go on but in my heart I know their will be only one Ben Schiel that I will love and miss. My true sympathy to the family. May you Rest In Peace Ben.*

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**Ernie** - June 10, 2020 at 06:19 PM

DF

“ *To the family of Ben Schiel: We are so sorry to learn of Ben's passing. We know that he has fought a good fight, and that he'll be sorely missed by all. It's good that you all have one another during this sad time. Thinking of you all and sending our love and prayers. Ed & Denise Romack and family.*

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**Denise Fries-Romack** - June 10, 2020 at 02:52 PM

KS

“ Dear Chris,

*My condolences to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

*Kim Shennett*

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**Kim Shennett** - June 10, 2020 at 02:43 PM

SD

“ Dear Chris,

*I remember we visited about your brother--I'm so sorry to learn this.*  
*Sarah Dick*

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**Sarah Dick** - June 10, 2020 at 02:29 PM

SN

“ *Rest In Peace our dear friend.you were always so fun to be around.You and Mike shared many laughs together.We will miss you 🥺 Dear friend.we love you.Mike and Sue Nickles 💋❤️.*

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**susan nickles** - June 10, 2020 at 10:40 AM