



## Bertram Trost

June 10, 1918 - March 4, 2005

Visitation for Bertram P. Trost, 86, of Kankakee, will be from 2-6 p.m. today at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, with a 4 p.m. wake service. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. Monday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Kankakee. Entombment will be in Mt. Calvary Mausoleum. Memorials may be made to St. Patrick's Catholic Church, where he was a member. Mr. Trost died Friday (March 4, 2005) at Condell Hospital in Libertyville. Born June 10, 1918 in Cullom, the son of Peter and Florence Booth Trost, he was raised on farms mostly in the Cullom-Papineau area. He married the former Helen Wilson, Aug. 30, 1941 at St. Patrick's Church in Kankakee and shortly after, he entered the U.S. Army, where his responsibilities included heavy equipment operating engineer and instructor, during World War II. After VE Day, and five years of service, he returned from the Philippines to his loving wife Helen in Kankakee. His interest in construction continued and he started his own drag line business, specializing in agricultural drainage of fields. He and Helen successfully owned and operated this business for 47 years, during which time Bert was a loving father to his four children, sharing his interest in boating, water skiing, hunting and playing cards. During retirement, Bert and Helen formed many close friendships with other snowbirds in Fort Myers, Fla., for 18 consecutive winters. Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Judy Trost of Golden, Colo., Stephen and Jenny Trost of Salt Lake City, Utah; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rita and Jim Hodge of Grayslake, Joyce and

George Beattie of Barrington; 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Cecelia Saindon of Kankakee; and one brother and sister-in-law, Theodore and Jean Trost of Clifton. One sister, Dorothy Collette, is deceased.