



## Carl L. Koerner

July 20, 1938 - January 10, 2026

Carl L. Koerner, Jr. was born July 20, 1938, at St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee, Illinois to Carl and Florence (Sally) Koerner. He peacefully went to be with the Lord on January 10, 2026, at Miller Healthcare, Kankakee, Illinois.

He is survived by his wife, Frances, who he married on August 6, 1960. They continued a lifetime residency in the greater Bourbonnais and Kankakee area. Also surviving are two sons Chris and Curt, two daughters-in-law (Elizabeth and Kim), five grandchildren and spouses (Chad and Amanda, Kristen and Kyle, Cory, Joshua and Sarah, Danielle and Trey); eight great-grandchildren (Madison, Ethan, Leonidas, Daniel, Mason, Blakely, Juliette and Henry); step sister-in-law, Mary Grise; sister-in-law, Grace Arnold (John). Carl is preceded in death by his mother, Florence Grise; father, Carl Sr.; stepfather, Roland (Slim) Grise; half brother, Robert Koerner; step brother, David Grise; uncle C.B. Chambers; granddaughter-in-law, Ashley Nicole; and many other loved ones.

Carl attended Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School where he played on the basketball team. After graduation he proudly served in the United States Navy from June 1956 to June 2, 1959.

Following his military service, Carl's professional career was in the grocery business, culminating in his role as Regional Supervisor of multiple Illinois and Indiana locations. He was known for his work ethic and doing whatever needed to be done. He carried that same ethic by being a good manager who utilized his time very well. He later worked at Olivet Nazarene University until his retirement where he received many accolades from his supervisor.

Carl enjoyed his family and spending time supporting his sons' athletic endeavors, attending every game possible and stepping in to coach a few times as needed.

Carl and his wife chose to grow their spiritual walk at College Church in Bourbonnais. Being longtime members gave them opportunity to attend, learn and participate in Bible studies, classes and outreach opportunities, and to expand faith and worship. This family of believers knew of his dry humor, his greeting to any birthday friend of "and many more", and his always being present at a member funeral dinner by working in the kitchen, keeping order and being an ever-present help.

He will be missed.

The funeral arrangements are by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Visitation will be on Wednesday, January 14, from 4:00 -- 7:00 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. There will also be visitation at College Church University Avenue in Bourbonnais at 10:00 followed by the 11:00 funeral service.

In Carl's honor, memorials may be made to College Church.

The service will be livestreamed: <https://www.youtube.com/live/4bigaUvV3J0>

# Cemetery Details

## Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 14.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

**JAN 15.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

College Church of the Nazarene  
200 University Ave.  
Bourbonnais, IL  
(815) 933-7749  
<http://www.collegechurch.org/>

## Funeral Service

**JAN 15.** 11:00 AM (CT)

College Church of the Nazarene  
200 University Ave.  
Bourbonnais, IL  
(815) 933-7749  
<http://www.collegechurch.org/>

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ *My thoughts and prayers to Carl's family. My first job was with Carl at Rudy' market. He was a great person and boss. He will be sadly missed.*  
*Audrey Raymond Belding*

**Audrey Raymond Belding** - January 14 at 10:45 PM

JH

“ *Fran and family--my prayers are with you during this time. May God show you His amazing comfort.*

**Joyce Holl-Nine** - January 14 at 05:24 PM

JL

“ *I first met Carl in March, 1969; I was 16 years old, and started my first job at Rudy's Supermarket. I showed up at 8:00 a.m. and was Carl was assigned to train me. Wow! Did I learn how hard Carl was to keep up with? By the end of that day I thought I was going to die. He was a hard worker, and a good man! Later, I became a Christian(Nazarene) and became reacquainted with Carl in 1978 at College Church in Bourbonnais. He was always fun to be around. Know he will be missed by all.*

**JAMES LEGACY** - January 14 at 11:50 AM

JL

*Correction: it was March of 1960*

**JAMES LEGACY** - January 14 at 11:52 AM

LW

*My sympathy to Curt, Chris and the Koerner family. I worked under Carl for many years at Thrif T Mart and also with Curt. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

**lisa winge** - January 14 at 04:47 PM

CK

*Thank you, Lisa. I was talking about working with you last night at the visitation.*

**Curt Koerner** - January 15 at 08:44 AM

AB

“ *Although I did not know Carl, I have had the privilege of getting to know his son, my good friend-in-Christ, Chris. Chris and family, I'm so sorry for your loss.*

*Aaron and Katherine Bartgis*

**Aaron j Bartgis** - January 14 at 09:53 AM

MW

*Carl was the funniest man I knew. I met him and Fran during my teenage years when I babysat their boys. I was a horrible babysitter and ate all their snack food. He never mentioned that and made me laugh the entire ride as he took me home afterward. Later on he got me a Job at a store he managed in Bradley. I didn't have any experience but he hired me anyway. He and Fran were important people during this point of my life. I have never forgotten them. I never will. I am sad for his loss but, I am happy to know that he is telling jokes with Del in heaven.*

*Marie Williams*

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**Marie Williams** - January 29 at 07:53 PM