



## Carl Ray Moran

May 29, 1954 - August 30, 2023

Carl Ray Moran, age 69 of Kankakee passed away on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at his home. He was born May 29, 1954 in Kankakee the son of Raymond and Georgianna (Caron) Moran. Carl married Valencia Davis on December 25, 1991 at their home.

Carl worked for Gould Battery Division (GNB) where he was the Union Vice President and Norfolk Southern Railroad. He was a member of the Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society, serving as president for ten years and a Republican Committeeman. Carl got into Historical Reenacting for the French Voyageurs and the French and Indian War time period, ultimately organizing two local events over the years.

Carl was a member of the ReNew Church in Bradley, serving as an usher and a Minister in the Men's Department.

Surviving is Carl's wife, Valencia of Kankakee; one son, Leo L. Hunt Jr., "Bird" of Bourbonnais; one daughter, Shakinah Hunt of Kankakee; five siblings, Thomas (Jenna) Moran of Missouri, Dr. Michael (Gail) Moran of South Carolina, Bruce (Mary) Moran of Bourbonnais, Susan (John) Mullen of Bradley, Joseph (Rebecca) Moran of Iowa; one sister-in-law, Regina N. Davis of Kankakee; eleven grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Carl is preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at ReNew Church of Bradley.

Memorials may be made to the Family Wishes.

Please sign his guestbook at [www.clancygernon.com](http://www.clancygernon.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

ReNew Church  
1085 Mulligan Drive  
Bradley, IL 60915

# Tribute Wall

GR

“ *My heart goes out to my cousin, Vee, with the passing of her beloved. Carl was a loving cousin who always had only good things to say to you. I will remember his beautiful smile and contagious laugh. Rest on Cousin Carl.*



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**Gwendolyn Rucker-Carr** - September 07, 2023 at 09:26 AM

DA

“ *So very sorry for your loss...we enjoyed Carl as a neighbor and friend..always had a warm and kind smile on his face and would do anything for you!!!May God bless you with comfort and peace at this difficult time.*

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**Delinda Ascher** - September 07, 2023 at 07:25 AM

DK

“ Vee, Bruce, Mary, Shakinah and other Family members:  
Words really cannot express how sorry I am for your (and our) loss. While the current situation is tough to accept now for all who knew him here, we can be grateful in knowing that he has received his miracle...he now is 100% healed and 100% alive at this very moment because he accepted Jesus as his Savior here on Earth. Carl can also continue to be a LIVING reminder to all who knew him that everyone too must make or not make this same choice while they are here.

*Having known Carl over the last 30 years through his volunteer work at the Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society and otherwise personally, he already is greatly missed. I thought in conclusion that the following words well described Carl.*

*Christian  
Volunteer  
President  
Helpful  
Board Member  
Courageous  
1st and 2nd Amendment  
Republican  
Peacemaker  
Friend*

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**Daron Kinzinger** - September 06, 2023 at 04:42 PM

CO

“ *My Dear Valencia & Family,  
My Heartfelt Love & Prayers For You All In  
The Loss Of Your Beloved Carl.  
I Wish I'd Have Had The Honor & Pleasure To  
Meet Him As I've Heard What A Wonderful  
Life He Lived & Legacy He Left.  
With My Deepest Love & Sympathy,  
Cindy O'Connor*



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**Cindy O'Connor** - September 06, 2023 at 02:45 PM

KL

“ *Valencia, so sorry to hear about Carls passing. Jerry and I loved  
talking to him. We will keep you in our prayers.  
Jerry and Kim Lebeda*

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**Kimberly Lebeda** - September 06, 2023 at 12:01 PM

JP

“ All of us in the Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society (BGHS) offer our condolences to Carl’s family. He was the longest serving president of the society from 1996-2006. Carl also held many other positions and was a current member of the BGHS Board of Directors. His image as a voyageur graces the BGHS website home page. I will always remember the time in the mid-1980s when I first went to the Feast of the Hunters’ Moon in West Lafayette, Indiana, with family and students. We entered the Voyageur Encampment, and at one of the canoe camp sites were surprised to see my friend Chuck Smead (who also enjoyed voyageur reenactments) who introduced us to fellow voyageur Carl Moran. They proceeded to give us a riveting account of their way of life in the 1700s. In 2021, Carl received the BGHS Fleur-de-Lis Award of Excellence for all of his contributions to the French heritage in the Kankakee River Valley. Carl was one of my mentors, and many others in the society feel the same way.

*Sincerely, Jim Paul*

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**James Paul** - September 06, 2023 at 10:16 AM

BD

“ We are so sorry to find out Carl has passed. Our friendship has stretched many years. Working at GNB and reenacting. Theatiki being one of our greatest accomplishments. We had many experiences that we shared together.

We went to the Chicago 150th Birthday party as Voyageurs. Ate some great food and drank good wine. Got drunk just smelling the giant rum cake. Met a few famous people. Carl, Brad, and others went up to Chicago to dedicate the S turn of Lake Shore Drive. They stood behind Mayor Harold Washington and Carl fell asleep and dropped his canoe paddle and it hit Mayor Washington. Good times sitting by the campfires and canoeing the many rivers and lakes. A lot of fun and great memories.

We wish Carl's family all the best wishes.

Love, Brad and Linda DeLude

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**Brad/Linda DeLude** - September 04, 2023 at 12:37 AM

LM

“ Thank you for being you ❤️ A loving and Kind soul. Our memories are something I will always cherish. I love you uncle and you will be truly missed.

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**LaTia McDaniels** - September 02, 2023 at 11:53 AM

DL

“ We came to know and love Carl through Renew Church and what an example of a God honoring man and loving husband true love of God kind of man he was. We know he is in the presence of his Lord and Savior and great his reward must be. We loved him and will always remember his leading and example of what a Christian life looks like. We love his wife and our prayers are for the peace of God to fill her and keep her all her days until that great reunion.

Steve and Dawn Lamie

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**Dawn Lamie** - September 02, 2023 at 08:41 AM

CW

*My LOVE and PRAYERS are with Valencia Davis-Moran, the children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces, nephews, friends, neighbor and everyone connected to Carl. May the peace of GOD that surpasses all understanding be with you in ALL the days, weeks, and month to come*  
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Carrie Washington - September 02, 2023 at 05:25 PM

CW

*A great brother in Christ, always so kind and loving, a true servant for Christ, may God comfort Valencia and entire family,*

Cheryl Wells - September 02, 2023 at 11:56 PM

MM

“MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of Carl Ray Moran



MR MRS - September 02, 2023 at 07:25 AM

BW

“I've known Carl for several years. He was a good friend. Love spending time with him and Vee. We loved sharing our love for the Lord. We also had a great time sharing good food. He's with his Savior and God. I love u Vee and your family.

Brenda Williams - September 01, 2023 at 02:41 PM

KC

“So my happy memories, this makes me sad. Peace and hugs to all his family.



Kathy Caise - September 01, 2023 at 12:51 PM

ML

*So sorry for your loss Carl was a wonderful person and a great friend my condolences go out to the family*

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**Mike Larson** - September 01, 2023 at 02:32 PM

LS

*I was fortunate to serve with Carl as an officer of the Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society. Carl was a selfless volunteer for BGHS. He led the organization as president for many years and also served on the board of directors. In 2021 Carl was awarded BGHS Fleur-de-lis Award for Outstanding Volunteer. His love of history has contributed to the preservation of and continued interest in our area's French Canadian heritage. Thank you Carl. We will miss you.*

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**Laurel Soper** - September 05, 2023 at 12:06 PM