

## Carson R. "Sam" Cross

July 19, 1935 - January 27, 2018

Carson R. "Sam" Cross, age 82, of Bonfield passed away Saturday, January 27, 2018 surrounded by his family at Presence Merkle Knipprath Nursing Home in Clifton after an extended illness. He was born July 19, 1935 in Kankakee, the son of Rollin & Beatrice Hooker Cross. Sam married Jackie Wheeler May 11, 1957 at St. Teresa Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Sam was a 40 year employee of The Daily Journal. He enjoyed gardening and planting trees. He enjoyed attending his children's and grandchildren's activities. Sam never knew a stranger. He had a wonderful memory.

Sam was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in Goodrich. He served as the first Parish Council President.

Surviving are his wife, Jackie Cross of Bonfield; five sons and three daughters-in-law, Adam & Nichole Cross of Grimesland, NC, Aaron & Dinah Cross of Greenup, John Cross of Bolingbrook, Jason Cross of Kankakee, and Justin & Kari Cross of Huntley; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Dawn & Rick VadeBoncouer of Kankakee, Julie & John Koval of Streator, Gloria Giese of Kankakee, and Jennifer Cross & her fiancé Todd Meli of Kankakee; twenty seven grandchildren, Dwayne VadeBoncouer, Josh VadeBoncouer, Allie VadeBoncouer, Crystal Chalkey, Nathan Koval, Kyle Cross, Travis Cross, Brock Cross, Skyler Cross, Seth Shafer, Gabe Shafer, Coen Shafer, Noraa Cross, Peyton Cross, Cameron Cross, Brianna Ferrias, Brooke Ferrias, Harrison Giese, Lindsay Cross, Luke Cross, Katelynn Meli, Payton Meli, Tyson Meli, McKenna Meli, Logan Cross, Taylor Cross, and Gavin Cross; and

eleven great-grandchildren, Carson VadeBoncouer, Mikaela VadeBoncouer, Alexis VadeBoncouer, Scarlett VadeBoncouer, Madison Weis, Molly Weis, Abby Weis, Drew Weis, Remi Shafer, Novelle Shafer, and Owen Shafer. Sam is preceded in death by his parents and one infant daughter, MaryAnn Cross. Visitation will be held from 4- 8 p.m. Thursday, February 1, 2018 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Visitation will also be held from 9-10:30 a.m. Friday, February 2, 2018 at the funeral home. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, February 2, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church in Goodrich. Rev. Charles Wheeler will celebrate the mass. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery in Goodrich.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family wishes.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Hope Cemetery

Goodrich, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Visitation

FEB 2. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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1480 W. Court St.  
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## Funeral Mass

FEB 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Church  
Goodrich, IL



# Tribute Wall

AA

“ Aaron lit a candle in memory of Carson R.  
"Sam" Cross



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**Aaron** - February 03, 2018 at 06:14 AM

TP

“ Carson was such a easy person to talk too. You can tell by talking to him how caring he was. You always felt better after talking with him and he always made you smile and laugh He will be greatly missed but he is smiling on all of us now.

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**Therese Phillips** - February 02, 2018 at 02:14 AM

DV

“ Dwayne Vadeboncouer lit a candle in memory of Carson R. "Sam" Cross



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**dwayne vadeboncouer** - February 02, 2018 at 12:32 AM

CA

“ I had the great pleasure of working with Sam for six years at the Kankakee Daily Journal. Sam was a printer who took ownership of the production of the sports section just about every day. We spent many hours not only working but talking and over time I felt I knew his family as well as if we were next-door neighbors. The Crosses always had a son or daughter playing ball, and Sam's enthusiasm about his children and their teams made me a bit of a Herscher Tiger fan myself. I know I've always been a fan of any team with a Cross on it.

*Sam was a good man with a big heart. As a father and a husband he was a role model.*

*One afternoon after the paper had gone out and we had some down time, Sam told me the story of the infant daughter he and his wife had lost many years earlier. To this day, I feel honored that he shared not only the story but also his emotions and the deep sadness he still felt.*

*Sam might have left, but he isn't gone. There's a part of Sam still with me right now and I suspect will stay with me forever.*

*-Chris Adams*

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**Chris Adams** - February 01, 2018 at 10:38 AM

AA

*Chris such wonderful words to a great man, so glad you were lucky enough to have met my father thank you for a wonderful memorial*

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**Aaron** - February 03, 2018 at 06:10 AM

JC

*Chris,  
I had tears in my eyes after reading your memorial. My dad had the biggest, proudest, & most sensitive heart! Yes, he will be with you forever! He cherished his friends at the Journal. I've heard many stories...& was so happy to meet some of his old buddies from there! I could finally put a face to the name!  
Thank you again,  
Jennifer*

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**Jennifer Cross** - February 05, 2018 at 08:45 PM

GL

*Chris it was great to see you! Thank you for the stories about my dad. Thank you for listening to his. We can stay in touch through Facebook so you can still learn more about the family. He loved his job and especially the people he worked with. If you only knew half the stories he told us about you guys!! Take care!!*

*Gloria*

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**Gloria** - February 05, 2018 at 11:35 PM

CT

“ *Chip Thurston lit a candle in memory of Carson R. "Sam" Cross*



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**Chip Thurston** - January 30, 2018 at 06:35 PM

DP

“ *Dave & Sherry Parks lit a candle in memory of Carson R. "Sam" Cross*



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**Dave & Sherry Parks** - January 30, 2018 at 11:31 AM

PC

“ *Paula Cross lit a candle in memory of Carson R. "Sam" Cross*



Paula Cross - January 30, 2018 at 10:15 AM

BB

“ *Carson and Jackie were the earliest baby sitters that I remember. My folks did not have many "date nights", but I can still remember Carson and Jackie watching over me and my siblings. One thing they introduced to me was the showing of affection between young lovers...always holding hands, hugging and kissing.*

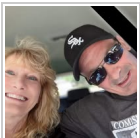
Bill Brouillet - January 30, 2018 at 12:04 AM



“ *Mrs. Fields Nibblers® Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Carson R. "Sam" Cross.*



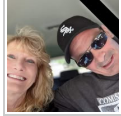
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“ *Deborah Squires sent a virtual gift in memory of Carson R. "Sam" Cross*



Deborah Squires - January 29, 2018 at 08:19 PM



*May your father find his way to heavens garden..*

**Deborah Squires** - January 29, 2018 at 08:21 PM

JH

“ *May the promise of eternal LIFE be with each of YOU.....Peace & hope will be your strength!!*

**john o heil** - January 29, 2018 at 06:46 PM

 Steve West

“ *Steve West lit a candle in memory of Carson R. "Sam" Cross*



**Steve West** - January 29, 2018 at 03:35 PM