

Charles "Bud" Birr

May 19, 1936 - October 7, 2021

Charles "Bud" Birr, age 85, of Kankakee, passed away on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at his home. He was born on May 19, 1936 in Kankakee, the son of Clarence P. and Cecelia M. (Roy) Birr. He married Nancy J. Thompson on September 15, 1956 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church.

Bud was an electrician at Western Electric and did electrical work at Mad Caps. He was an active parishioner of St. John Paul II Catholic Church, formerly St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church. He enjoyed woodworking; he re-did all the pews at his church. Bud coached many teams: St. Rose football and basketball, Lions Little League, and Azzarelli Pee Wee football. He was a Cub Master for the St. Rose Cub Scouts. Bud was the head of the Oktoberfest cooking crew. He enjoyed bowling and was a member of the Marycrest Tuesday night league and bowled in Brothers Tournaments. Bud loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bud is survived by his wife of 65 years, Nancy Birr, of Kankakee; his children, Mary Jo Wilcox, of Bourbonnais, Gary (Jackie) Birr, of Dayton OH, Dan (Laura) Birr, of Crystal Lake, Jim Birr, of Woodstock, and Carol (Scott) Weedon, of Bourbonnais; twelve grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Bud was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Mary Elizabeth “Betty” Clodi; and his brother, Paul Birr.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at St. John Paul II – West Campus in Kankakee. Rev. Matt Pratscher will celebrate the Mass. Burial will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township.

Memorials may be made to Bishop McNamara or St. John Paul II Catholic Church.

Arrangements are being handled by Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

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

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

OCT **13**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus
953 South 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall



“ Sorry to hear of Bud's passing. Always remember him being involved in youth sports. Met him while playing baseball with and against Gary. He was a wonderful father, and a great asset to the young players he coached.

Lee Palinski - October 16, 2021 at 11:10 PM



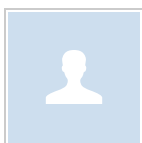
“ Very sorry to learn of your loss. My thoughts & prayers are with all.

Cindy Clemans - October 14, 2021 at 08:24 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Budd and the entire Birr family.

John and Jan Rodgers - October 13, 2021 at 11:51 PM



“ Garden Accent - "When someone you love..." was purchased for the family of Charles "Bud" Birr.



October 13, 2021 at 09:11 PM



“ Bud was such a great man and we loved him. Service was lovely and our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Love The Matthias Family

Kim - October 13, 2021 at 06:34 PM

DC

“ Jim, you and your family are in my prayers, I'm sorry for the loss of your dad, he sounded like a great person.



Diane Carter - October 12, 2021 at 09:47 AM

TB

“ Our Deepest Sympathy to the family.



Tim & Vickie Bertrand - October 12, 2021 at 09:28 AM

KJ

“ Carol, sending love, hugs, and prayers to you and your family 🙏 🙏



Kathy Jones - October 11, 2021 at 10:57 AM

TM

“ Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Charles "Bud" Birr



Tom Mallaney - October 11, 2021 at 08:07 AM

KS

“ So sorry to hear of his passing. Hugs&prayers go out to his family.
Kathy Sullivan

Kathy Sullivan - October 10, 2021 at 06:57 PM

VD

“ Nancy and family it is with a heavy heart and not enough words too say how sorry I am with the loss of Bud. I will cherish all the great memories from years past. Bud may you rest in peace and enjoy all those who are there too greet you. My love and prayers too all Virginia



Virginia R Dominick - October 10, 2021 at 12:16 PM

LA

“ Mary Jo and family I am so sorry for the loss of your father. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely, Laura Anderson

Laura Anderson - October 10, 2021 at 11:09 AM

MW

Thank you Laura.

Mary Jo Wilcox - October 11, 2021 at 11:16 AM

AA

“ All of our love, thoughts and prayers to the family. He was such a gentle, kind man who loved his family more than anything else in the world 🙏❤️ Anders family

Angela Anders - October 09, 2021 at 08:11 PM

BO

“ *Bud was a great guy, a truly nice man. He was such a comfort to me at my dad's funeral. Sending prayers and condolences to Nancy and her whole family.*
Love from his cousin Barb

Barb ODonnell - October 09, 2021 at 02:46 PM

MD

“ *Deepest sympathy to Nancy and his family.*
from his cousin Mickey (Roy) Doud

Mickey Doud - October 09, 2021 at 11:14 AM

JF

“ *My condolences to the Birr family. Mr. Birr was a great neighbor and even better family man. He was a great example of hard work and dedication. My deepest sympathy on his passing. Jim Frieling.*
Buffalo Grove, IL

jim Frieling - October 09, 2021 at 11:03 AM

SW

“ *My best friend~ the best guardian angel I could ask for~ until we meet again!!! I love you!!!*

stephanie wilcox - October 08, 2021 at 02:58 PM