



Charles E. McLaren Jr.

June 19, 1929 - December 10, 2013

Charles E. "Ned" McLaren Jr., 84, of Kankakee, and previously of Exton, Pa., passed away Tuesday (Dec. 10, 2013) at Miller Health Care Center, Kankakee.

He was born June 18, 1929, in Chicago, the son of Charles Sr. and Katherine Flynn McLaren. They preceded him in death. He married Betsy Bollman on May 26, 1951. She passed away April 2, 2008.

He served his country in the U.S. Army. Charles worked for New York Central, Penn Central and Con Rail railroads. He loved his wife and family. He also loved his dogs, his job and his country.

Surviving are his sons, Brian (Brenda) McLaren, of Bradley, and Kevin (Deb) McLaren, of Honey Brook, Pa.; a daughter, Kathy (Bill) Wilson, of Gary, Ind.; and a brother, David (Willa) McLaren, of Chebanse.

Preceding him in death were his parents; wife; one son, Charles III; two sisters, Betty and Bonnie; and one brother, Jerry.

Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. Monday until the 12:30 p.m. funeral services at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. Deacon Patrick Skelly will officiate. Burial will follow in All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to the Les Turner ALS Foundation at
lesturnerals.org.

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Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 16. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JL

“ To the McLaren family of the stubborn Chuck who stole my heart. He would always say where ya been Jackie?.. Your growing up too fast. There was nothing more that man loved than his diet coke a dilly and a good episode of two and a half men. He loved that show. But he never forget to tell me about his one true love Betsy. Or how hard he worked on the railroad and he was retiring that day. I loved that man. -Jackie lowman his afternoon CNA

jaclyn lowman - December 16, 2013 at 12:50 PM

MB

“ Work isn't the same without Chuck. I miss seeing him sitting by his door and greeting me with the usual "well look who's here. What are you doing, pretty lady?" Every week we would scour the TV guide and post every Julia Roberts movie that was on that week so he wouldn't miss them. He frequently asked my schedule to see if I had time to make a "dilly bar run" to DQ and he always said "make sure you take one for your troubles." If you asked "can I get you anything else?" his response was always "a bushel of twenties". RIP Chuck, save a Dilly Bar for me. - Melissa B

Melissa Benson - December 16, 2013 at 12:49 PM

EA

“ To the family of a grouchy old man that stole my heart! When I would come back to work after a few days off, he'd say "What are you doing here? Come give me a hug!" and the look on his face was complete shock, like he didn't expect to see me. Or he'd say "me and you, we're buddies". He made many of us smile. He will be in my heart forever! Remember the good times and praying for the family... His afternoon nurse, Ericka A.

ericka alexander - December 16, 2013 at 12:35 PM

BW

“ *Brian & Brenda, we are so sorry about Charles passing!! Hopefully you can both find happy memories to get you through this difficult time! We love you, Kevin & Beth*

beth wischnowski - December 14, 2013 at 06:14 PM

AC

“ *Amy Creek lit a candle in memory of Charles E. McLaren Jr.*



Amy Creek - December 14, 2013 at 05:21 PM

GS

“ *I am so sorry for your loss and know how sad it is to lose your Father. Just know he is in a better place now surrounded by loved ones, but will always be alive in your heart.*

Gail Stojak - December 12, 2013 at 10:03 PM

GS

“ *Gail Stojak lit a candle in memory of Charles E. McLaren Jr.*



Gail Stojak - December 12, 2013 at 09:58 PM