



Clarence "Shorty" Williams

December 29, 1926 - January 25, 2017

Clarence "Shorty" Williams, age 90, a lifelong resident of Bradley, passed away Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at his home.

He was born December 29, 1926 in Bradley, the son of Clarence R. & Goldie Raines Williams.

Shorty married Norma J. Burr on June 23, 1951 in Bradley.

He was a former commodore at the Kankakee Valley Boat Club, where he had been a member. He had also been a member of the Kankakee Masonic Lodge, the Aroma Park American Legion, and the VFW.

Shorty enjoyed woodworking and spending time in the outdoors, boating and golfing.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during WWII in Okinawa and Iwo Jima, earning two bronze stars. He also participated in the Honor Flight.

He was the owner and operator of "Shorty's Signs" in Bradley.

Surviving are his wife, Norma Williams of Bradley; one son and daughter-in-law, Michael & Kay Williams of Bradley; two grandsons, Austin & Maggie Williams of Metamora and Cody Williams of Chicago; two sisters, Cora Barna of Watseka and Donna Taylor of AZ; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Fred & Mae Williams of OK, Louis & Eunice Williams of Bourbonnais, and Ronald Williams of Kankakee; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Robert Williams, and six sisters, Maxine Pombert, Virginia Williams, Esther Tur, Mildred Young, Marie Williams, and Marian Crawford.

Visitation will be held 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Procession will leave from Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais at 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 30, 2017, for an 11:00 a.m. committal service at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Graveside Service

JAN **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Norma, Gene & I offer our condolences we had great memories of when you and shorty came to visit Frank in Helen you are in our prayers. Sharon Tomaszewski*

sharon Tomaszewski - January 29, 2017 at 06:09 PM

 Rennetta Smith

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to Norma and family. Shorty was one of the first neighbors we met when we moved to the neighborhood, and seemed like a great guy.*

The Smith Family



Rennetta Smith - January 29, 2017 at 07:56 AM

 Linda Massey

“ *Linda Massey lit a candle in memory of Clarence "Shorty" Williams*



Linda Massey - January 27, 2017 at 09:04 AM

ES

“ Mike and Kay,

Please accept my condolences on the loss of your father (in-law). Remember and cherish the good times with you dad. I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Eric Sadler

Eric Sadler - January 27, 2017 at 05:19 AM

TM

“ Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Clarence "Shorty" Williams



Tom Mallaney - January 26, 2017 at 05:54 PM

KJ

Rip uncle bud. Alot of memories.. "hey there" boating in your boat.sunday dinners. You will be missed

Karen james - January 26, 2017 at 07:21 PM

LE

“ You will be so missed Bud by everyone who knew you. I have so many great memories of you and Norma. We had some fun times. I remember how you would great everyone with 'hey there'. Our kids always considered Mike their other brother. You were their 'other dad'. My deepest sympathy to you Norma and Mike and all the Williams family.

Linda Eddleman

Linda Eddleman - January 26, 2017 at 05:08 PM

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“ *RIP Uncle Bud I remember you gave me my first speed boat ride out at Uncle Franks I never forgot how you could handle a boat. God bless Aunt Norma and Mike you were blessed to have such a great man as a Husband and Father.*

Scott Ellis - January 26, 2017 at 04:40 PM

SS

Norma and family I remember all the fun we had at Kankakee Boat club and Aroma Park Boat Club. I know shorty will be missed he had so many friends..God Bless Sandy Schweigert

Sandy Schweigert - January 27, 2017 at 02:40 PM