



Claude L. Snodgrass

October 2, 1928 - March 12, 2016

Claude L Snodgrass, age 87, passed suddenly at his home in Bourbonnais, surrounded by his children, on Saturday, March 12, 2016. He has now found comfort in the arms of his angel.

Claude was born on October 2, 1928 in Centertown, Kentucky, to Claude and Lucille Hopper Snodgrass. As a young man shortly after WW2, he served proudly in the US Navy as a medic based in Norfolk, Virginia. He moved to Michigan where he met the love of his life Verneta Billington. As he would always say, "We met in cherry season and married in apple season." They wed and began their journey of life together on December 1, 1950, and were blessed with three children.

Claude and Verneta enjoyed traveling together as well as spending time with family and friends. They were dedicated stewards serving in many capacities at College Church of the Nazarene and were honored with a Distinguished Service Award for their selfless service to others in bearing witness of God's love with extraordinary kindness and enthusiasm.

During his life he mastered nearly 40 jobs and professions including union electrician, teacher, facilities director, minister, and bible scholar. He earned his Master's Degree in Biblical Theology from Olivet Nazarene University. Claude had an uncanny ability to reach people in a deep and positive way by his generosity and caring smile that warmed the room. He nourished people

around him with love and faith. Claude will be remembered as a bright, shining light in the various communities and churches he has served.

Left to honor Claude and remember his love are his 3 children, Rita (Tom) Tuntland - Bourbonnais, Claudia (Don) Hertz - Bradley, and Ron (Carol) Snodgrass - Bourbonnais; 9 grandchildren, Kimberly (Ryan) Jewell, Jason (Kelly) Tuntland, Kristin (Dan) Allison, Amy (Doug) Balsano, Dawn Hertz (David Spears), Brooke (Jason) Deatherage, Rhonda (Mike) Sergeant, Jacob (Sabrina) Snodgrass, and Cari (Thomas) Mathis; 15 great-grandchildren, Alexander, Owen & Carter Claude Jewell, Dominic, Victoria & Tyler Tuntland, Issac, Eli & Aylee Allison, Collin Hertz, Allie, Luke, & Carleigh Balsano, Nolan & Harvey Claude Sergeant; sister, Carlene Reynolds of Eau Claire, MI, brother, Morgan Snodgrass of Marshall, MI, sister-in-law Nelda Bailey of Benton Harbor, MI, and many nieces and nephews.

Claude was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Verneta, and a sister, Virginia Whitehead.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday March 15, 2016 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. Visitation at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the College Church of the Nazarene, Bourbonnais, until the 11 a.m. funeral services. Claude's longtime good friend, Dr. John Bowling, will officiate. Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais, IL, with military rights accorded.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

MAR 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

College Church of the Nazarene
200 University Ave.
Bourbonnais, IL
(815) 933-7749
<http://www.collegechurch.org/>

Funeral Service

MAR **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

College Church of the Nazarene
200 University Ave.
Bourbonnais, IL
(815) 933-7749
<http://www.collegechurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

VT

“ *Paw is with grandma D now, they are finally United and are living happily with God*



Victoria Tuntland - March 17, 2016 at 10:01 AM

MW

“ *Ron and Family: So sorry to hear about Claude's passing. He was a great presence in our high school days, he and your Mom putting up with our shenanigans with persevering smiles. A great Dad and Mom! Our condolences to you and yours.*

Mike and Barb Wischnowski

Mwischnowski - March 16, 2016 at 07:20 PM

GB

“ *Gayle Hopper Burch lit a candle in memory of Claude L. Snodgrass*



Gayle Hopper Burch - March 16, 2016 at 02:08 AM

MA

“ *Sorry to hear about your Dad, Ron, Claudia and Rita. I remember him mostly when we were teens. He knew we were up to something, but smiled at us anyway. Happy for you he was around so long. Mike and Barb Adragna*

Michael I Adragna - March 14, 2016 at 08:44 PM

MB

“ *What I remember about Claude was always so kind, and there when our brother Joe funeral to comfort us. He will be remembered by his smile and sweet disposition! I was always so glad to see him!! I thought it was so beautiful when he affiliated Rhonda and Mike's wedding! I'm sure Rhonda and Mike was honored!*



I am so sorry (all of you) for the loss of your Dad, Grandpa, great grandpa, father-in-law He was a wonderful man!! I pray that you all will be comforted with all the memories you had with him! God Bless you all!

Margie/ Cyrier Bustos - March 14, 2016 at 02:18 PM

DF

“ *My condolences to Ron and Rita and the rest of the Snodgrass family*

David Finch - March 14, 2016 at 01:46 PM

JJ

“ *Claude married my dad and mom in 1960 John Randall Watkins and Betty Jean Howard. he was a family member on my grandmothers side of the Billingtons*

John Watkins Jr. - March 14, 2016 at 09:16 AM