



David R. Boudreau

April 27, 1948 - August 16, 2021

David R. Boudreau, age 73, of Kankakee, passed away Monday, August 16, 2021 in Kankakee.

He was born April 27, 1948 in Kankakee, the son of Kenneth Raymond & Dorothy June Merino Boudreau.

David married Linda J. "Jeanie" Rettig on June 19, 1971 in Berryton, KS. She preceded him in death on June 25, 2016.

He was a graduate of St. Anne High School.

David was an employee of Armstrong World Industries, retiring after many years of service.

From the age of 12, he was active in radio control planes. He was a member of the Kankakee Valley Model Flyers, Dumb-thumbs, and the Joliet Radio Control Club.

Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

David was a veteran of the U.S. Airforce, having served during Vietnam. He was also stationed at Forbes Airforce Base in Topeka, KS, where he met his wife, Jeanie.

He was a member of River Valley Christian Fellowship.

Surviving are two daughters, Becky & Marty Conroy of Bourbonnais and Stephanie & Scott Payne of Bourbonnais; his mother, Dorothy Boudreau of Kankakee; five grandchildren, Carter Conroy, Trevor Conroy, Logan Conroy, Jamie Payne, and Jesse Payne; and one brother, Charles & Caroline Boudreau of Gilbert, AZ.

In addition to his wife, David is preceded in death by his father and one brother, Kenneth Boudreau.

Visitation will be held 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 22, 2021 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Visitation will also be held from 10:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Monday, August 23, 2021 at River Valley Christian Fellowship. Rev. Derick Miller will officiate the service.

Interment will follow at St. Anne Township Cemetery in St. Anne.

Memorials may be made to River Valley Christian Fellowship.

Cemetery Details

St. Anne Township Cemetery

South Route 1
St. Anne, IL 60964
(815) 427-8346

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 22. 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

Visitation

AUG 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

River Valley Christian Fellowship
800 Cardinal Dr.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-7353
<http://myrvcf.org>

Funeral Service

AUG **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

River Valley Christian Fellowship
800 Cardinal Dr.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-7353
<http://myrvcf.org>

Tribute Wall

SM

“ I served with Dave at Forbes AFB from 1969 till 1971 when I left for overseas. He was a great mentor for me. We packed many parachutes together. He took me on a short vacation one time to Brandon Mo. in that Camaro he loved.

sam moore - December 06, 2023 at 03:57 PM

KC

“ May you rest in peace with Jeannie you are together now forever❤️

Kim Cole - September 05, 2021 at 12:40 PM

SC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Suburban Aero Club of Chicago - August 26, 2021 at 06:21 PM

BC

“ Dad, I love you so much. You have always been there for me and my family. You would always listen to me when I was upset and help me through hard times. I will miss our morning phones calls and you telling me about your activities.... You've been really happy lately enjoying your life to the fullest and that makes this even harder, but I know now that you are enjoying your eternal life. Love, Becky



Becky Conroy - August 22, 2021 at 10:16 AM

JP

“ to a person I always have considered a good friend. I always enjoyed working with you at Armstrong. You will deeply be missed by Vicki and me. You will always be in our heart.

Jim Patterson - August 20, 2021 at 02:55 PM

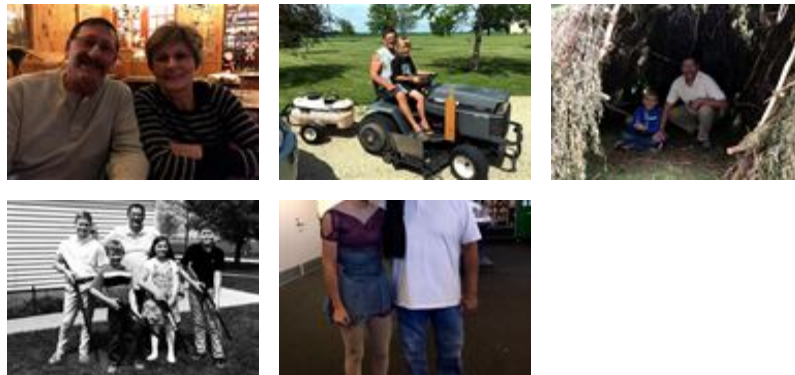
BC



Becky Conroy - August 22, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ 124 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - August 20, 2021 at 12:33 PM

DS

“ May God rest Dave's kind soul and my condolences to his family. I want to express my gratitude for Dave always remembering Don & Paula Stanczik with his attentive phone calls and visits. As Paula's Mom, I heard so many great things about David and I know he will be missed greatly until we Believers are all reunited with Jesus.

Donna Sheridan

Donna Sheridan - August 20, 2021 at 12:25 AM

MB

“ *Minnie Brewer Brewster lit a candle in memory of David R. Boudreau*



minnie brewer brewster - August 19, 2021 at 07:41 PM

LE

“ *Becky, Stephanie and families. Tim and I send our deepest sympathy. I'm sorry we aren't there to give you our love and hugs in person but please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Tim and Linda Engels.*

Linda Engels - August 18, 2021 at 07:53 PM

TC

“ *3D Dave, you will be missed by your family and all who knew you! I only knew you for a few years, but came to consider you my friend. We met through RC flying in Joliet and I will always remember this barefoot guy with a camera in his hands! Your legacy will live on in all your videos and photos. Rest in peace. my friend...*

Tracy Cox, Joliet RC

Tracy Cox - August 18, 2021 at 03:48 PM

JS

“ *Becky, Stephanie, and families-*

Tom and I are so very sorry for your loss. Your Dad was a great guy who we really enjoyed talking to whenever he came by on Eagle Avenue to visit. We are sure he is having a great time in heaven! Our prayers are with all of you!

Jeanette & Tom Schneider

Jeanette & Tom Schneider - August 18, 2021 at 03:43 PM

PN

“ *Becky & Stephanie and your families. We are so sorry for you loss. Your Mom & Dad were very nice people. Prayers to all of you. Penny & Jerry Noe*

Penny & Jerry Noe - August 18, 2021 at 09:34 AM

VN

“ *David was a good friend. He would come up to Topeka and help us on our fly-ins/air shows in Berryton Kansas. He was a member of our club (North East Kansas Blue Sky Squadron). I would talk to David at least once a week since I got sick with the COVID vaccine in April. David will be greatly missed. Our prayers go out to all his family that he loved so much. Vernon and Toni Nelson.*

Vernon Nelson - August 18, 2021 at 08:46 AM

JH

“ I went on many motorcycle trips with Dave besides Neets & I working with him at Armstrong for alot of years. Trips to Kansas the Smokie Mts Colorado Blue Ridge Parkway Lookout Mt The Dragon Tail in Tn & lots of Flat Track races So many memories !! So hard to lose good friends too soon Thoughts & Prayers for the entire family He enjoyed his grandchildren so much FLY HIGH DAVID you have earned your Wings !!

Jim & Anita (Neets) Honn

Jim Honn - August 17, 2021 at 10:57 PM

CC

I worked with David at Armstrong. We had many fun times, he was always inventing gadgets and things,which amazed me. He was a very smart man. After he retired when he came to Watseka he'd contact me and we'd go out for lunch and catch up on everyone, and things. He so enjoyed life and lived it to his fullest doing everything with such enthusiasm, always enjoyed all his fb post sharing his adventures and joy of life.hr was such a thrill seeker I will truly miss him, but know hes in heaven with jeanie,and all his heavenly friends and familys. GODS blessings to all his family and friends, prayers to you all to help you in this sad sorrowful time. Also know Dave wouldnt want you to be sad for him, he would want you to rejoyce in his journey to heaven.

Carolyn Arsenesu Cote - August 18, 2021 at 10:28 AM

BB

“ *Bob & Emiley Blair lit a candle in memory of David R. Boudreau*



Bob & Emiley Blair - August 17, 2021 at 10:08 PM

JO

“ On behalf of the SIRS Model Airplane Club and myself we send our sincere condolences to all of Dave's family.

Dave was just at our Saturday celebration of National Model Aviation Day. He photographed, video recorded and posted our event on his You-Tube Channel. Dave was a great proponent of Model Aviation and he will missed by many many RC pilots around the midwest.

John Cralley, SIRS Communications Officer

John Cralley, SIRS Club Officer - August 17, 2021 at 09:49 PM

DS

“ *Dave was such a great and giving friend. We had so much fun spending time together flying our rc planes and our ongoing conversations on the phone. Dave will live long within our hearts and will always be remembered for the good times. God bless Dave and his family!*

Don & Paula Stanczik - August 17, 2021 at 09:48 PM

KJ

“ *Kathy Jones lit a candle in memory of David R. Boudreau*



Kathy Jones - August 17, 2021 at 09:35 PM

JB

“ *Jim Bell lit a candle in memory of David R. Boudreau*



jim bell - August 17, 2021 at 09:16 PM

JB

Wonderful man positive and up beat. Always had nice things to say about other. I visited the flying field at “Dumb Thumbs” one day and this guys was running around bare footed taking videos and pictures. What a fun thing to see!! He was always high spirited. He will be missed by all who knew him!!! Someone taking out of life too soon. God rest his soul and everyone that knew him.

jim bell - August 17, 2021 at 09:24 PM

RO

“ *Roberta Olson lit a candle in memory of David R. Boudreau*



Roberta Olson - August 17, 2021 at 08:34 PM

RO

Work with Dave he was a great man.

Roberta Olson - August 17, 2021 at 08:35 PM

SM

“ My husband grew up with David in Illinois. Dave has been coming to Topeka to fly his planes a couple times a year. We have enjoyed having him and was excited to see him again in September. We will miss his energy and constant smile. What a shock it was to hear about his accident. Our sympathies go out to his daughter and sweet mother.

*Ron and Sara Miles
and Stuart Miles*

Sara Miles - August 17, 2021 at 08:28 PM

SM

I am sorry I didn't get daughter(s) on above. Two lovely daughters I must say!!

Sara Miles - August 17, 2021 at 08:32 PM

MS

“ Always upbeat and friendly, and fun to be around! Enjoyed rc flying with him,
and Dave always the official videographer.
Mike and Ted Stram

Mike and Ted Stram - August 17, 2021 at 08:05 PM

RH

“ Renee Hoots lit a candle in memory of David
R. Boudreau



Renee Hoots - August 17, 2021 at 07:30 PM



“ *Healing & Hope Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of David R. Boudreau.*



August 17, 2021 at 07:29 PM



“ *Dave was such a great guy. Don Gallian and I spent many hours flying with Dave and recently started RC boating together. 3D Dave, we will all miss you. The entire family has my sympathy.*

Eric Hendrix

Kankakee Valley Model Flyers

Eric Hendrix - August 17, 2021 at 07:22 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Dave's passing. My condolences to his daughters and family. I worked with Dave at Armstrong World Ind. He was a fine man to say the least.*

Gene McHugh - August 17, 2021 at 07:18 PM



“ *Becky Johnson lit a candle in memory of David R. Boudreau*



Becky Johnson - August 17, 2021 at 06:44 PM