



## Dean Arthur Gard

October 3, 1946 - December 18, 2013

Dean A. Gard, 67, of Bourbonnais, passed away Wednesday (Dec. 18, 2013) at the Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital, Hines, Ill. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. Cremation rites will be accorded following the visitation. Inurnment will be in the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood at a later date. Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

He was born Oct. 3, 1946, in Kankakee, the son of John and Laura Kaufman Gard. His first wife, the former Betty Jean Kobyluch, whom he married Feb. 12, 1972, in Chicago, passed away March 21, 1998. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force from 1965 to 1969, serving in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967 and from 1968 to 1969. He was a VFW Department Rep 7th District Hospital Chairman at the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno, past commander of Bourbonnais VFW Post 9961 for 22 years, past commander of Bradley American Legion Post 0766, a member of the Manteno AMVETS, the Air Force Association, the Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Tan Son Nhut Association. He was District Commander from 2001-2002 for the 7th District VFW, life member of the Disabled American Veterans, and was on the Kankakee County Veterans Assistance Commission Executive Board. He was also a member of Central Christian Church and The Odd Fellows.

Surviving are his wife, the former Deborah Hays, of Bourbonnais, whom he

married Jan. 8, 2008, at the Bradley American Legion Post 0766; two stepsons, David Olesinski and Daniel Olesinski, both of Bourbonnais; one stepdaughter, Dawn Klonowski, of Limestone; four grandchildren; one sister, Patricia (Lou) Hurt, of Houston, Texas; one brother, John (Carol) Gard, of Kankakee; sister-in-law, Bridget Crews, of Cleveland, Ohio; many nieces and nephews, including one special nephew, Jim Crews; and many dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and pet dog, Goldie.

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ *My prayers are with you. I remember the day I was introduced to Dean. He will be missed.*

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**Jean Kaiser** - December 23, 2013 at 01:09 PM

JK

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**Jean Kaiser** - December 23, 2013 at 01:09 PM

HH

“ *Our condolences to Debbie and Deans Family. Dean was always fun to share stories with and just be friends to at our reunions. He will be missed my many.*

*Harlan and Carolyn Hatfield*

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**Harlan Hatfield** - December 22, 2013 at 02:47 PM



HW

“ *Heather Wilkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Dean Arthur Gard*



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**Heather Wilkins** - December 22, 2013 at 01:09 PM

HW

“ *Heather Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Dean Arthur Gard*



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**Heather Wilkins** - December 22, 2013 at 01:08 PM

RO

“ *Debbie,  
Our condolences and prayers are with you! Dean was quite a character and was my dad's best friend. I am sure they are reunited now with our Lord and Savior.  
The Bass Family*

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**Ron** - December 21, 2013 at 03:03 PM

PS

“ *Debbie,my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time Dean was a very good man,i am very sorry for your loss, Pat Surprenant.*

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**Pat Surprenant** - December 21, 2013 at 01:15 PM

LL

“ *So sorry to hear this. As his past dental hygienist until last year when I retired from hygiene and moved to Tennessee, Dean and I shared a commonality in our Air Force years and had many great conversations when he came into the office. He always greeted me at the door with a smile and some goofy remark that would make me laugh. God bless him.*

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**lora luce** - December 21, 2013 at 10:32 AM

BP

“ *Deb, I am so sorry to hear of Dean's passing. My most heartfelt sympathy is with you and his family. Thinking of you during this difficult time.*

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**Billie Perry** - December 21, 2013 at 10:27 AM

CB

“ *Debbie, sorry that I won't be with you. I will keep you in my thoughts tomorrow. Dean was Dennis' best friend. I remember the day that Dennis introduced me to him. All the stories that Dean told me about him and Dennis growing up were great to hear. He was there when Dennis died and helped me keep Ron on the straight and narrow road. Take care.*

*Connie Bass*

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**Connie Bass** - December 20, 2013 at 07:34 PM

JL

“ *DEB, YOU HAVE MY SYMPATHY ON YOUR LOSS. DEAN WAS A GOOD MAN AND WILL BE MISSED BY ALL. JOE LANOUE IN FLORIDA.*

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**JOE LANOUE** - December 20, 2013 at 06:32 PM

PG

“ *You were quite a character and brought good times into my sisters' life when she need it most.*

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**Pam Graham** - December 20, 2013 at 03:16 PM

LB

“ *I WORKED WITH DEAN AT MORTELLS> DEAN WAS A GREAT GUY! GOD BLESS!*

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**LARRY BEHL** - December 20, 2013 at 01:30 PM

MQ

“ Thanks for being Commander and for serving in the Military. I'll miss you Dean, A dear friend--Manuel Quinto and family.

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**Manuel Quinto** - December 20, 2013 at 11:27 AM