



## Densel Raymond Rasmussen

June 9, 1931 - March 19, 2016

Densel "Denny" Rasmussen, 84, of Bourbonnais, passed away Saturday (March 19, 2016) at Miller Health Care Center in Kankakee, after a long battle with cancer.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial visitation will be from 10 a.m. Wednesday until the 11 a.m. funeral Mass at St. George Catholic Church in St. George. Military honors will be performed.

Memorials may be made to Kankakee Valley Hospice or St. Joseph's Grade School of Bradley.

Denny was born June 9, 1931, in Kankakee, the son of Raymond and Delma (nee Lamie) Rasmussen.

He graduated from Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School in 1949 and attended Western Illinois University before enlisting with the U.S. Navy to fight in the Korean War. While with the Navy, he circumnavigated the world on the U.S.S. Tarawa and U.S.S. Leyte aircraft carriers. After returning to the United States, he played baseball with the Baltimore Orioles minor league team in Jacksonville, Fla. A lifelong sports enthusiast, Denny played basketball, football and baseball at BBCHS and in semi-pro leagues throughout his life. He also loved walking at Perry Farm, fishing and enjoying the outdoors.

In 1956, he married his sweetheart and the girl next door, Beverly Jean Brosseau. She survives.

Also surviving are five children; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren (and twins on the way). Those survivors include his daughter and partner, Dana Singleton and Phillip McDaniel, of LaGrange, Ga., daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Jim Durben, of Cambridge, Ohio, son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Roxanne Rasmussen, of Bourbonnais, daughter and son-in-law, Jodi and Christopher Schroll, of Madison, Wis., and son and daughter-in-law, Darin and Tara Rasmussen, of Rosemount, Minn.; the 13 grandchildren include Jeff Campbell, Keri (Jarrod) Carter, Rachel Singleton, Bill Singleton, Britton (Stephanie) McElwee, Ian McElwee, Jill (Jeff) Whiteman, Erin (Adam) Rasmussen-Minster, Grant Schroll, Wesley Schroll, and Gavin, Gillian and Paige Rasmussen.; and the six great-grandchildren include Madison, Adalyn, Hazel, Otis, Emma and Sophia.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley ([www.hkvcares.org](http://www.hkvcares.org)) or St. Joseph Grade School in Bradley ([stjosephschoolbradley.org](http://stjosephschoolbradley.org)).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

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

St. George Catholic Church  
5272 E. 5000 N. Rd.  
St. George, IL 60914

## Memorial Mass

MAR 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brent Kendziorek lit a candle in memory of Densel Raymond Rasmussen*



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**Brent Kendziorek** - April 09, 2016 at 12:12 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and all your family. I know he will always be in your hearts.praying for you Bev.*

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**Virginia Haggard** - March 26, 2016 at 05:33 PM



“ *Bev and Family,  
I will always remember how soft-spoken Denny was and his nice welcoming smile. Also will always remember when I was young I would stay overnight with Aunt Delma and Uncle Ray. One time I did and he was coming home on leave from the service and I rode up to the airport to get him. I just remember as he walked towards us thinking how handsome he was in his Navy uniform and also how tall. He was so surprised to see me with them and gave me a big hug. One of my memories to share with you!*



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**Mary Lou Pallissard** - March 24, 2016 at 01:23 PM

NW

“ I was one of the lucky one that got to meet Dennis. God needed a good angel. It was my honor to meet him working at the Perry Farm. I'm sorry for your loss and may Dennis rest in peace. Nancy Ponikvar Waller

nancy ponikvar waller - March 23, 2016 at 04:27 PM

LN

“ Denny was truly a handsome and gentle man !! We are so very happy to have known the two of you for many years !! Sending our love, sympathy and prayers from Florida. Jerry and Lori Naese

Lori Naese - March 22, 2016 at 03:19 PM

MB

“ Bev,  
I just want to send my sincere sympathy to you and all of your lovely family. The last time we talked was at Lee Milk's wake. My husband is in hospice now. We just go from day to day....so I know the heart ache you have been through watching your loved one wither away before you. But he's now "home safely" and will be watching over his lovely family from above. My prayers and thoughts are with you now and later....Love you girl. Mary Lou Bates

Mary Lou Bates - March 21, 2016 at 04:13 PM

ST

Beverly & family. Condolences amd our prayers. Gene & Sharon Tomaszewski

Sharon Tomaszewski - March 22, 2016 at 07:36 PM

LN

Jodi, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. My prayers go out to you and your family. Lisa (Walsh) Nelson

Lisa Nelson - March 23, 2016 at 08:10 AM