



Donald E. Bartkowiak

July 13, 1940 - February 21, 2025

Donald E. Bartkowiak, age 84, of Bourbonnais passed away Friday, February 21, 2025 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was born July 13, 1940 in Chicago, the son of Eugene & Elsie (Andis) Bartkowiak. Donald married Geraldine Giera on June 3, 1961 in Chicago.

Donald was a retired sheet metal worker. He enjoyed hot rods and was a custom car builder.

Donald was a parishioner of Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Geraldine Bartkowiak of Bourbonnais; two sons, Donald (Ellen) Bartkowiak of Oconomowoc, WI and Anthony (Kimberly) Bartkowiak of Elburn, IL; one daughter, Vickie Lynn (John) Lindemulder of Oak Lawn; two sisters, Judith and Barbara; two brothers, Robert and Ricky; eight grandchildren, Meagan, Samantha, Daniel, Jake, Cooper, Faith, Nicole, and Victoria; one great-grandchild, Madison; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Donald is preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Tommy, Raymond, David, and Charles.

Visitation will be held from 3-8 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 28, 2025 at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery in Justice, IL

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Catholic Cemetery

7201 Archer Rd.
Justice, IL 60458

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 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

Funeral Mass

FEB 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

DD

“ Don was a truly great guy—kind, generous, and a big part of the hot rodding community. My heartfelt condolences to the entire Bartkowiak family. Wishing you comfort and peace during this difficult time.
Dave Doyle

David Doyle - March 02, 2025 at 11:08 PM

TH

“ Sending thoughts and prayers for you and your family.

Teelina House



Teelina House - February 27, 2025 at 07:05 PM

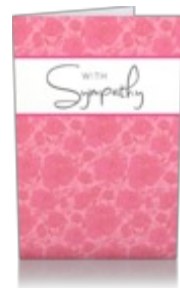
KS

“ Kristine S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald E. Bartkowiak.

Kristine S. - February 27, 2025 at 09:09 AM

K.

“ Kathleen . purchased a sympathy card for the family of Donald E. Bartkowiak.



Kathleen . - February 26, 2025 at 06:01 PM

JG

“ Joan gannon purchased the I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket for the family of Donald E. Bartkowiak.



Joan gannon - February 25, 2025 at 12:39 PM

BQ

“ We share the grief in losing Don’s joyful companionship. His kindness and generous nature enhanced all our lives. The Keystone boys. Ed Hitney, Rich Guminski, Bob Quitter, Gene Rathgeb

bob quitter - February 24, 2025 at 06:33 PM

BQ

“ Bob Q. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald E. Bartkowiak.

Bob Q. - February 24, 2025 at 05:56 PM

GR

“ He made the strongest fenders for our race car trailer.
Geno

Gene Rathgeb - February 24, 2025 at 12:10 PM