



Donald E. "Don" Brenner

July 23, 1935 - November 12, 2025

Donald E. "Don" Brenner, age 90, of Bourbonnais passed away Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at the Illinois Veterans Home at LaSalle. He was born July 23, 1935 in Cissna Park, the son of William & Emma (Rinkenberger) Brenner. Don married Betty Kunce on June 20, 1954 in Rankin. She preceded him in death after 61 years of marriage on December 17, 2015.

Don was a research technologist at General Foods for 25 years and then worked at Power Packaging. He also owned and operated Don Brenner Construction for 15 years doing home repairs. Don was an avid toy tractor collector. He never met a stranger and loved to spread the gospel. Most of all, Don loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was a veteran of the United States Army (SP4) from 1958-1960, stationed in Germany.

Don was an active member of Calvary Bible Church where he served as a past Deacon, Treasurer, and Elder.

Surviving are his children, Arlene (Keith) Reel of Bourbonnais, Gloria (Kevin) Kamp of Centerville, OH, and Jeff (Megan) Brenner of Bourbonnais; one sister, Mary Antolik of Streator; six grandchildren, Bryan (Megan) Kamp, Kyle (Megan) Kamp, Amy (Ben) White, Josh (Victoria) Reel, Jennifer Fischer, and Andrew Brenner; ten great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and their families. In addition to his wife, Betty Brenner, Don is preceded in death by his parents and siblings, William Brenner, Elmer Brenner, Anna

Cruse, Viola Campbell, and Gladys Chase.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until the time of the 11 a.m. funeral service on Saturday, November 15, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Rev. Bob Grysen will officiate the service. Interment will follow at Mound Grove Gardens in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to the Illinois Veterans Home at LaSalle.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-6726

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 15. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

NOV 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My McDonald's coffee drinkers were some of the most amazing guys when I worked there. They were like adopted grandpas. Don was one of them. I knew when I saw the name it was someone I knew. Sending my prayers and condolences

Jennifer LaVoie - November 14, 2025 at 10:37 PM

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Thank you, Jennifer for posting this message. It touched our hearts. My Dad really enjoyed his times with his friends at McDonald's. God's blessings to you 🙏

Arlene - November 16, 2025 at 03:12 PM

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“ I will always remember Grandpas love for Grandma and his family. I will cherish family holidays random visits as a kid and visiting him at bickford when he was at the nursing home. I was fortunate to have a Grandpa that made growing up fun. I love you Grandpa and you will be very missed.

Amy White - November 13, 2025 at 05:33 PM

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Thank you, Amy for sharing your special memories of Grandpa. He really valued his time with you and all the grandkids & greatgrandkids.



Arlene - November 16, 2025 at 03:54 PM