



Donald Koerner

April 16, 1933 - March 2, 2011

VISITATION AND FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT THE CLANCY-GERNON FUNERAL HOME IN BOURBONNAIS. Visitation for Donald E. "Don" Koerner, 77, of Kankakee, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday. Deacon Joseph Cotugno will officiate. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory, Kankakee. Memorials may be made to the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno. Mr. Koerner died Thursday (March 3, 2011) at Riverside Medical Center.

Mr. Koerner was a retired Kankakee city policeman, where he served from 1961 to 1985 and obtained the rank of major. He was chief of security at the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno from 1985 to 2001. He was born April 16, 1933, in Kankakee, the son of Denver and Ruth Piper Koerner. His wife, the former Donna Goudreau, whom he married Dec. 27, 1952, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, died Nov. 16, 2007. He was chairman of the police and fire commission for many years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He enjoyed attending his grandchildren's events and activities, watching NASCAR racing, and hunting and fishing.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Judy Koerner, of Limestone, Brian and Jennifer Koerner, of Yucaipa, Calif., Craig and Carolyn Koerner, of Bourbonnais, Patrick and Bobbie Koerner, of Grand Rapids, Mich.;

one daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and David Skeate, of Normal; 10 grandchildren, Kyle Koerner, Jace Koerner, Todd Koerner, Alex Koerner, Ben Koerner, Jon Koerner, Emma Koerner, Grace Skeate, McKenna Skeate and Brooke Skeate; one sister, Virginia Monjon, of Newark, Del.; one brother-in-law and two sisters-in-law, Mary Loiselle, of Bradley, and Michael and Sherry Furrow, of Bourbonnais; and one uncle, Edwin Piper, of Bradley.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one granddaughter, Kimberly Koerner.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

MAR 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Koerner



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ TO All OF Don's Children & Grandchildren, We just wanted to tell you all how much we truly enjoyed Don being our neighbor. I always loved talking 'over the fence' with him, I spent many hours visiting with him and I'm so very sorry I was in Florida when Don passed away. He was always so very enjoyable & interesting to listen to. I will miss him so much this coming spring & summer. We'd always laugh about our dog's (harry & koby) barking at each other as we tried to visit!! My sympathies go out to all of you, he was so very proud of all of his children & grandchildren, he is now at peace in Heaven, May God Bless You All, Mary & George McGrath

Mary E. McGrath - March 13, 2011 at 10:01 AM

ME

“ Mary E. McGrath lit a candle in memory of Donald Koerner



Mary E. McGrath - March 13, 2011 at 09:46 AM

JN

“ Pat and family, you are in my family's prayers, you have our most sincere sympathy on the loss of your father.

Josh Nelson - March 10, 2011 at 07:16 PM

AS

“ Craig, Carolyn & Family, Healing moves at its own pace. Be kind to yourself and take it one day at a time. I know your heart is aching and we are truly sorry for your loss. You have our deepest sympathies

Allan Tracy Smith - March 10, 2011 at 02:38 PM

DG

“ Our sincere sympathy on the loss of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.

Dan Val Guenette - March 10, 2011 at 07:54 AM

FS

“ Don was a great man to work with on the P.D. MY utmost respect for him.

Fred Schultz - March 09, 2011 at 05:51 PM

DS

“ I will always remember his smile and humor. He will be remember with lots of love.

Debbie Skeate - March 09, 2011 at 05:10 PM

DS

“ *Debbie Skeate lit a candle in memory of Donald Koerner*



Debbie Skeate - March 09, 2011 at 05:08 PM



“ *May God's loving arms enfold all of you in comfort and peace. May your fond memories bring smiles to your faces during this sad time.*

Mary Quiroz Thomson - March 09, 2011 at 11:17 AM

TC

“ *I have the memory of Officer Koerner as a big tall cop in a great uniform! Being the paperboy in the area in the 60's I would see him leaving for work as I delivered the Journal in the afternoon. My thoughts and prayers go out to his Scott and the rest of his family.*

Tom Cleary - March 08, 2011 at 02:30 PM

MK

“ *Scott and family - May you find comfort in your memories and God's promise of eternal life. You are in our thoughts and prayers..Randy & Marsha Kerschke*

Marsha Kerschke - March 08, 2011 at 09:21 AM



“ *William Maass lit a candle in memory of Donald Koerner*



william Maass - March 08, 2011 at 09:11 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Scott and family on the loss of your father and one of Kankakee's finest public servants. May the Good Lord give you comfort in this time of sorrow and may you be left with nothing but the best of memories.*

william Maass - March 08, 2011 at 09:11 AM



“ *We remeber Mr. Koerner when we lived above them on Williams St. in the 60's. He was always very friendly when we saw him. We send our sympathy to his family. Penny & Jerry Noe*

Penny Jerry - March 08, 2011 at 08:52 AM



“ *Please forgive the date mistake of Lt Koerner to my rookie position It was January 1971 when I started my career that ended as retired from Daytona Bach Police
Time just flies and we can not even slow it down*

Don Freigo - March 07, 2011 at 07:07 PM

DF

“ I have great memories of , known to me as Lt. Koerner. Don was a mentor to me as a new rookie cop for Kankakee PD. I remember when he called me into his office a few months after I started in 1991. He reminded me that I was in the begining of a career that could be great but that acting like John Wayne would limit my future. I listened and must have changed enough to make it to 1979 when I left for greener pastures.
Don was a good cop and a good family man. May the family have comfort knowing he touched many lives.....

Don Freigo - March 07, 2011 at 07:02 PM

TW

“ Scott, Craig and families,
I feel for your loss. I met your Father many years ago while he served as Commissioner for 'Police and Fire'. He was a kind man and will surely be remembered in the fondest way by many that had the good fortune to know him.
Teri Costanza Worth

Teri Worth - March 07, 2011 at 01:55 PM

JK

“ Emma will miss you very much Grandpa. You will always be in our hearts and on our minds.
We love you.



Jennifer Koerner - March 07, 2011 at 10:33 AM

DF

“ don broke me in on my first day as a cop and i stayed with him for a week on patrol and he was the best. and if you ever needed a back up he was always there for you.
remember DON your never dead till your forgotten and i will never forget.

dennis flowers - March 06, 2011 at 03:56 PM

DP

“ Dick (Carolyn) Palzer: I'm the oldest son of Donald and Verdabelle, the youngest sister of Denver, Don and Ginny's Dad. As is unfortunately so after the case, family members lose track of one another, and I regret continuing the pattern. Although Cousin Don and I saw each other a few times as adults--he in his police uniform--my main memories go back to when, as children growing up in Kankakee, our families would get together. I'm sorry to hear of Don's passing. Please accept my condolences in this difficult time.

Dick Palzer - March 05, 2011 at 05:17 PM

JP

“ I remember my cousin Don and his sister Ginny Mae. Although many years have past since we have seen each other, I'll always remember them. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

*Jim Palzer
(Don & Verdabelle's son)
Surprise, AZ*

Jim Judy Palzer - March 05, 2011 at 01:36 PM

DJ

“ Sorry to have loss a true buddy from the old days a t Kankakee High and working together at Baron Huot Oil. So Sorry for your loss.

Darwin JoAnn Jaenicke - March 05, 2011 at 11:27 AM

BM

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Barb Monjon - March 04, 2011 at 07:40 PM

BM

“ Scott, Brian, Craig, Lisa & Pat....So sorry for the loss of your Dad. It's been a tough few years. I'm so honored to have been his niece, he was a wonderful man who always had a big smile and an infectious laugh! The last time he was here in 2008 we had a wonderful dinner down in Chesapeake City, MD, sitting by the water eating seafood and having a martini...great memory of him! I'm sad I haven't been able to spend more time with him in recent years, but the memories I have will never leave me. God bless you guys, hang tough and come visit!

Love,
Barb
or as he would call me, Barbie

Barb Monjon - March 04, 2011 at 07:34 PM