



Duane L Ferris

March 15, 1945 - January 9, 2021

Duane Ferris, age 75, of Bonfield, passed away, Saturday, January 9, 2021 at his home. He was born March 15, 1945, in Kankakee, the son of John Jr and Blanche (Nakerts) Ferris. Duane married Shirley West on June 18, 1966, at Sacred Heart Church in Goodrich. Duane and Shirley were teenage sweethearts. She survives.

Duane was a retired Pipefitter Local 597. He also farmed in the Bonfield area. Duane enjoyed farming, woodworking, trapshooting, traveling and above all he enjoyed his family and friends. He was a committee member of the McGillivray Special Drainage District, The Knights of Columbus, and Kankakee Farm Bureau.

Duane was a veteran of the United States Army serving in Viet Nam. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Herscher American Legion. Duane was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Goodrich and a member of the Sacred Heart Church Council.

Surviving is his wife, Shirley, three sons and daughters-in-law, Daryl (Connie) Ferris and Dean (Jan) Ferris of Bonfield, Brian (Susan) Ferris of Sumter, South Carolina; one brother and sister-in-law, Dallas (Joyce) Ferris of Irwin; seven grandchildren, Brenden, Brett, Tyler, Ally, Paige, Kyle and Piper; two great grandchildren, Waylon and Averie; and two sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Roger (Rita) West and Dino (Cheryl) Helopoulos of Bonfield.

Duane is preceded in death by his parents; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Clarence and LaVanche West; and brother-in-law, Robert West.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:30 am Funeral Mass
Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Goodrich.
Reverend Ron Neitzke will celebrate the mass.

Please wear a face mask and practice social distancing guidelines.

Interment will follow at the Limestone Cemetery, Limestone.

Memorials are to the Sacred Heart Building Fund or Uplifted Care (Hospice of
Kankakee Valley).

Cemetery Details

Limestone Cemetery

Route 113
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1764

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Church
Goodrich, IL

Funeral Mass

JAN 13. 11:30 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Church
Goodrich, IL

Tribute Wall

 Terry
W.
LaVoie

“ My thoughts at this time, I am so sorry. The last time I saw them was walking toward the railroad tracks going to the three music bands area 2019 there in Kankakee. I grew up in Ashkum my grpa's wife & Duane's grdm were sisters they came from that farm E. of Ashkum on 116. When we were kids we had been to family cousin parties on Sundays out of Ottawa, that one year Dallas drove to the Starve Rock Park with the Nakerts & me about 1960. We are always sorry when we loose relatives.

Terry W. LaVoie - January 14, 2021 at 10:11 AM

TM

“ Our hearts go out to yiu, Shirley, and your entire Family as you grieve. May the Loed comfort you during this time and in the days to follow.
Terry & Linda Meyer

Terry & Linda Meyer - January 14, 2021 at 07:29 AM

GO

“ Sorry for your loss condolences to the family Duane was one of first people I worked with as a Pipefitter Couldn't come today Covid Quarantine From Gailen Olson !

Gailen Olson - January 13, 2021 at 08:45 PM

MG

“ Duane was very special to my husband, Bob Glade and Bob often reminisced about how Duane was one of his most loyal employees!! A couple week before Bob passed Duane called Bob from the hospital and they shared their challenges, understanding it was a huge mountain for each of them to climb; Even tho God lifted them out of their pain and huge battle, to us left, it is a huge gap for each of their families! I believe that as they entered their eternal life in heaven, Bob (who went 8 months ahead of Duane), was probably one of many of Duane’s favorite persons who welcomed him and excitedly directed him to meet Jesus who died for those of us who believed that He is Who He said He is!! ❤️❤️👉

Martha Glade - January 13, 2021 at 08:14 PM



“ Stephen Vellutini lit a candle in memory of Duane L Ferris



Stephen Vellutini - January 13, 2021 at 01:55 PM



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Stephen Vellutini - January 13, 2021 at 01:56 PM

TE

“ Shirley and family, may memories of the best of times help you during this sad time, sincerely, Tari & Brent Parker

teresa-tari-parker - January 13, 2021 at 08:08 AM

SP

“ Out sympathies to Shirley, Daryl & Connie, Dean & Jan, Brian & Susan and their families. Since I can't give each one of you a great big hug, I'm sending you all a virtual hug. We are going to miss Duane on the dance floor and I know that my Mom and Dad are really going to miss him.

Love to you all from Sheila & Mike Pfaff and Fred & Sharon Wendling.

Sheila & Mike Pfaff - January 12, 2021 at 10:10 PM

DO

“ No words really help in the midst of sorrow. Just know many are holding you & your family as your hearts break. Our deepest sympathy. He will be missed.

Brian & Doreen Nakaerts

Doreen O'Leary-Nakaerts - January 12, 2021 at 08:33 PM

MB

“ I got to work with him when I was an apprentice at Kankakee piping system in the early eighties. Very helpful to learn the trade. Treated people well. Sincerely mike Boudreau

mike boudreau - January 12, 2021 at 06:50 PM

PS

“ Peggy Streeter lit a candle in memory of Duane L Ferris



Peggy Streeter - January 12, 2021 at 05:51 PM

MT

“ Shirley n family, I am saddened to read this! Hugs n prayers for God’s peace and comfort at this sad time. May God dry your tears n your fond memories bring smiles.



Mary Thomson - January 12, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ Sending our sympathies to Shirley, Dean, Darryl, Brian and their families. Todd and Sandy (Emling) Ferris



Sandy Dion - January 12, 2021 at 04:24 PM



Boy, I messed that up. We are Todd and Sandy (Emling) Dion. I also spelled Darryl wrong. Sorry.

Sandy Dion - January 12, 2021 at 04:38 PM

TA

“ Tom & Judy Andersen lit a candle in memory of Duane L Ferris



Tom & Judy Andersen - January 12, 2021 at 04:05 PM

TA

Our deepest sympathy to Duane's family.

Tom & Judy Andersen - January 12, 2021 at 04:09 PM

JN

“ *Duane knew his stuff.
A first class fitter all the way around. Strictly a first class
journeyman.*

John Nesbitt - January 12, 2021 at 02:08 PM

LB

“ *Linda Bartusch lit a candle in memory of
Duane L Ferris*



Linda Bartusch - January 12, 2021 at 12:09 PM

LB

*Jerry and I will always remember the good times, we shared with
Duane. Sending love and prayers 🙏*

Linda Bartusch - January 12, 2021 at 12:13 PM

DB

*Shirley, I was very sorry to hear about Duane. You and your family are
in my thoughts and prayers. Debbie Burton*

Debbie Burton - January 12, 2021 at 01:47 PM

SP

“ *Dave and I are sending our deepest sympathy to all of Duane's
family. May God wrap his arms around you and bring you
peace. God's speed Duane may you rest in peace.*

Sherry and Dave Parks - January 12, 2021 at 11:22 AM

MM

“ MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of Duane L Ferris



MR MRS - January 12, 2021 at 10:52 AM

PM

“ Worked in the trade with Duane, he was a good man! Always helped us out at Immanuel church with controls. Condolences to all.

Pat McConnell

Patrick Lynn McConnell - January 12, 2021 at 10:41 AM

LB

“ Shirley, Duane and I served our apprenticeship and worked together for many years. Duane was a great guy to work with. We had some good times.

We are unable to attend the service but our thoughts, prayers and sympathy are with you and your family.

Les & Pat Blanchette

Les Blanchette - January 12, 2021 at 09:20 AM

NR

“ Nancy Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Duane L Ferris



Nancy Rodgers - January 11, 2021 at 08:32 PM

NR

“ Shirley, we are so heartbroken to hear about Duane. We all had a lot of fun times together, so glad for the memories. May God Bless you and your family through these difficult times.

Prayers

Ed and Nancy Rodgers

Nancy Rodgers - January 11, 2021 at 08:31 PM