



Duane Schnell

September 19, 1930 - May 23, 2008

Duane Schnell -- Bourbonnais Memorial visitation for Duane E. Schnell, 77, of Bourbonnais, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, where a memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday. The Revs. Tom Zimmerman and Bruce Salter will officiate. Inurnment will be in Mound Grove Gardens Mausoleum. Memorials may be made to the Congregational United Church of Christ, 2861 Waldron Road, Kankakee, IL 60901, where he was a member. He died May 23, 2008, at the Miller Center. Mr. Schnell retired from the Kankakee Post Office in 1987, where he worked as a postal carrier. He had also worked for many years at Swannell Hardware and Preston Sporting Goods. He was born Sept. 19, 1930, in Bonfield, the son of Elwood and Helen Hertz Schnell. His wife of 54 years, the former Janet R. Benscoter, whom he married Sept. 26, 1952, in Santa Monica, Calif, died July 7, 2007. He excelled in sports. He played basketball, baseball and football for Kankakee High School, where he was a member of the Kankakee High School Hall of Fame; a four-year letterman in basketball (1,258 career points), and a three year letterman in football and baseball. He was on the 1948-49 basketball team which was ranked second in the state of Illinois (24-3). He was named to the IHSA All State Tournament team of 1950. He was a graduate of Kankakee High School. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict. After the war he attended Northwestern University on a basketball scholarship. He was a former board member of the Congregational United Church of Christ. He was elected a Republican

precinct committeeman for Aroma Township and was a member of the Eastridge Parents and Sports Boosters. He enjoyed watching sports and working in his yard and garden. He was an avid Chicago Cubs, Bears and Bulls fan. Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Kim and Robin Schnell of Scotia, N.Y., Garry Schnell of Watsonville, Calif., Doug and Debbie Schnell of Taylorville; and three grandchildren. Deceased are his parents and one sister, Donna Sikma.

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“ I REMBER DUANE AS THE BEST BASKETBALL PLAYER KANKAKEE HIGH SCHOOL, WE PLAYED TOGETHER MANY TIMES, A VERY GREAT SPORT, I İ½ WILL MISS ALL HIS TALENTS, MAY GOD SELECT HIM AS THE BEST MEMBER ON HEAVENS TEAM,,,,, DICK SCHULTZ##imported-begin##richard schultz##imported-end##

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“ So sorry to hear about Duane. Thought about you often old neighbor from Waldron Acres. You are in our prayers. İ½

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“ Since we are unable to attend the memorial visitation and service, we want to express our sympathy for your family's loss. ¶½We were not only neighbors with Duane and Janet, but also friends for over 14 years. ¶½During those years, we had long talks, attended "neighborly" events, attended their 50th wedding anniversary, and finally their "moving" party in October 2006. For several years they supplied us with tomatoes and cucumbers each summer and complained with us each spring when the whirly-gigs fell and the leaves came down in the fall. ¶½This may sound funny, but we think of them each time we see a tomato, cucumber, whirly-gig or leaf. ¶½We not only missed the tomatoes and cucumbers last summer, we also missed Janet and Duane!! ¶½We're grateful for the chance we had to know them!! ¶½Our sympathy and thoughts are with each of you ¶½¶½¶¶imported-begin¶¶Mary & Terry Long¶¶imported-end¶¶

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“ Sorry for your loss. My brother John can again throw football passes to Duane.¶¶imported-begin¶¶Charles¶¶imported-end¶¶

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“ To the Schnell Family

Please know that our thoughts and prayers follow your hearts during this time of reflection and sorrow.

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