



## Earl Giroux

May 12, 1948 - April 18, 2020

Earl Giroux, age 71, of Bourbonnais passed away Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood. He was born May 12, 1948 in Kankakee, the son of Leonard & Isabelle (Blanchette) Giroux.

He married Janet Girard in February 1970 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Earl worked for Commonwealth Edison as a crew leader for sub-station construction for 32 years, retiring in 2002. He was a member of IBEW Local 176. He was also part owner and manager of Giroux Rental Properties for 45 years.

Earl was born and raised in Manteno. He attended Our Lady's Academy Grade School in Manteno. He was a graduate of Bishop McNamara High School in Kankakee.

Earl loved fishing, cooking, and gardening, especially his day lily farm. He enjoyed attending and watching Bishop McNamara, University of Illinois, and Chicago Bears football games. In his younger years, Earl was involved in McNamara Mad Caps, McNamara Bingo, Maternity B.V.M. fundraisers, and the Knights of Columbus. He was an active member of the Moose Lodge in Bradley. Most importantly, he loved spending time with family and friends. He

was larger than life and always had a joke to share with everyone. Earl was a devoted husband, loving father, compassionate grandfather, and truly enjoyed every moment with his wife, kids, and grandchildren. He always enjoyed attending his grandkids sporting events. Everyone knew him as either "Papa" or "Uncle Earl". He was the life of the party and he will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Earl was in the Illinois National Guard from 1967-1972, being federalized twice during those years.

He was a 50-year parishioner of Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais.

Surviving are his wife, Janet Giroux of Bourbonnais; three daughters and one son-in-law, Kara Appell of Plainfield, IN, Jessica & Michael Lambert of Bourbonnais, and Jennifer Giroux-Bretveld of Bloomington, IN; eight grandchildren, Ethan Bretveld, Grace Bretveld, Claire Appell, Ava Appell, Sofia Appell, Isabelle Lambert, Evelyn Lambert, and Sylvia Lambert; one sister, Rita "Lil" Girard of Kankakee; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Robert L. & Janice Giroux of Bradley and Clarence Giroux; four brothers-in-law and four sisters-in-law, Francis & Sandy Girard of Kankakee, James & Barbara Girard of Bourbonnais, Joe & Nancy Girard of Bourbonnais, and Richard & Anita Girard of Bourbonnais; many nieces and nephews, and several great nieces and nephews. Earl was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Ella "Dolly" Sicard, three brothers-in-law, Walt Sicard, Gerald "Gee" Girard, and Arthur "Leo" Girard; and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Rose & Maurice Girard.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, a private family service will be held. Burial will be at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais. A public memorial mass will be celebrated at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Bishop McNamara Catholic School of Kankakee, or a Benefit Fund for special needs granddaughter, Evelyn Lambert.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-2342

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Bill & Patty Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Earl Giroux*



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**Bill & Patty Schmidt** - May 25, 2020 at 12:19 PM

BI

*Janet we are sad to learn of Earl's passing, and extend our sincere sympathy to you and your family.*

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**Bill** - May 25, 2020 at 12:24 PM

NG

“ *Nancy And Joe Girard lit a candle in memory of Earl Giroux*



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**Nancy and Joe Girard** - May 12, 2020 at 09:38 AM

DM

“ *My sincere condolences to the Giroux and Girard families*

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**David L Hegg, MD** - May 01, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ *My condolences to Janet and Family.  
Earl was a fun loving man.  
So sorry for your loss 🙏*

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**Marylou Tutoky Brownsey** - April 30, 2020 at 01:51 PM

SH

“ *Giroux Family,*

*So sorry for your loss. Earl was such an amazing person. May you treasure the wonderful times you had and my thoughts are with your whole family.*

*Sheri Pettineo*



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**Sheri** - April 29, 2020 at 05:09 PM

JB

*Thank you so much for the kind words. He loved you like a daughter.*

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**Jennifer Bretveld** - April 29, 2020 at 10:11 PM

MN

“ *Janet and Family...we are very sorry for your loss.*

*We had so much fun with Earl and all of you. Many laughs and memories! Kevin and John remember*

*Earl's famous Ribs! Our hearts go out to all of you.*

*In our thoughts and prayers; Much Love xoxo*

*Mary Kay Nugent and John Pickworth*

*Kevin, Lauren, and John Ardaugh*



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**Mary Kay Nugent** - April 28, 2020 at 06:20 PM

JB

*Thanks Mary Kay. We (us kids, your kids etc...) always had a great time. Good memories that will always be treasured. With love ❤️*

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**Jennifer Bretveld** - April 29, 2020 at 10:23 PM

RB

“ Janet Giroux and family so sorry for your loss.  
Earl was a great guy1



richard Berns - April 27, 2020 at 10:05 PM

FT

“ The comfort of having a friend may be taken  
away. But not that of having one.  
Frank and Michele Triveline



Frank and Michele Triveline - April 27, 2020 at 02:58 PM

VH

“ With Heartfelt Sympathy. Although no words  
can really help to ease the loss you bear ,  
Just know that you are very lose in every  
thought and prayer. Marge and I have been  
blessed to be know Earl, Janet and Family.  
He will be greatly missed by all.  
Vern and Marge Hoogstraat



Vern and Marge Hoogstraat - April 27, 2020 at 02:45 PM

JB

He ( and the family) loved you all like family. Always will. ❤️

Jennifer Bretveld - April 29, 2020 at 10:24 PM

CW

“ I was SO sorry to hear about Earl - what wonderful memories I have, starting with our fun days at Our Lady's Academy. Also, our years at Maternity were special too. He was such a friendly, nice guy, and you were a beautiful couple.

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**Carol Whittington** - April 26, 2020 at 09:24 PM

TL

“ Sorry Janet for your loss of your beloved husband. Praying fir God to comfort you at this time of sorrow and be with you and family As you share his life and memories with one another

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**Tom and Bobbie Leone** - April 26, 2020 at 01:46 PM

GH

“ We are so sorry to hear about Earl. Same age as Sue and WAY too young. Always enjoyed running into him - was always happy. And of course, knowing you guys from our "kids" being born on same day. Our deepest sympathies. Gary & Sue Hoskins

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**Gary & Sue Hoskins** - April 26, 2020 at 12:12 PM

TM

“ Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Earl Giroux



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**Tom Mallaney** - April 26, 2020 at 10:24 AM

TW

“ Janet and family, I am so very sorry for your loss.  
May you find comfort in your memories.  
Tamie Wright-Riffell

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**Tamie Wright-Riffell** - April 25, 2020 at 10:11 PM

GM

“ I worked with Earl for many years in Joliet, Crestwood ,and  
University Park. We always found time to have a laugh or two  
During the workday. My condolences to the Giroux family, I truly  
considered Earl a friend.

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**Greg & Donna Markevicus** - April 25, 2020 at 05:35 PM

GH

“ Worked with Earl for 30 years, always had good laughter, he was an  
all around good guy. My condolences to his family. Greg Hill

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**Greg Hill** - April 25, 2020 at 04:32 PM

NL

Janet and family and Lil, so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with  
you.  
Nadine Lowery

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**Nadine Lowery** - April 26, 2020 at 07:25 PM

MS

“ I worked with Earl for many years in Joliet, had many laughs  
together and enjoyed his company. My condolences to the family.  
Mike Sterr

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**Mike Sterr** - April 25, 2020 at 10:41 AM

JM

“ Rented a townhouse from Earl and Janet several years ago. Always fair and attentive to our needs, and good people to know from the community. May he Rest In Peace. Prayers for the family.



Jane and Travis McLin - April 25, 2020 at 12:28 AM

WB

“ Earl was a very special person. We became fishing buddies and spent many hours together on the river and at Kichi Lake in Minnesota. Earl always wanted to improve his skills as a fisherman and while with me he caught his first walleye, first northern pike, and first crappie. Earl's personality was bigger than life. I will miss his friendship and his smile. RIP, Earl.

William C Barney - April 24, 2020 at 06:00 PM

JB

Thank you, Bill. He loved having you as a friend. He talked very highly of you!!

Jennifer Bretveld - April 29, 2020 at 10:29 PM

MB

“ Mary Pat And Bill lit a candle in memory of Earl Giroux



Mary Pat and Bill - April 24, 2020 at 02:17 PM

MB

*We love you Earl.....our condolences to your amazing wife and family!  
Our candle is yellow cause you were a ray of sunshine always! 🥺💔*  
❤️🙏

Mary Pat and Bill - April 24, 2020 at 02:19 PM

MB

*It's Mary Pat and Bill!*

Mary Pat and Bill - April 24, 2020 at 02:20 PM

BP

*Janet&families,so sorry for your loss of your beloved husband earl,God  
bless you and your families in this time of sorrow.May Earl rest in  
peace.Wally&Barb Phillips*

Barbara Phillips - April 26, 2020 at 12:44 PM

MB

“ *Mary Bulliner lit a candle in memory of Earl  
Giroux*



Mary Bulliner - April 24, 2020 at 12:16 PM

MG

“ *Dear Janet and girls,*

*Sorry for your loss. May the wonderful memories of our moments  
with Earl help to ease your pain. Our thoughts are prayers are with  
you during this difficult time. With love, the Arseneau & Gilhooly  
families.*

Michelle Gilhooly - April 24, 2020 at 11:43 AM

MM

“ MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of Earl Giroux



MR MRS - April 24, 2020 at 10:53 AM

JB

“ Janet,  
Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family. Earl was just a great guy.  
Jamie and Diane

jamie boyd - April 24, 2020 at 10:26 AM

JW

“ Our deepest sympathy to Janet, the girls and family. Earl was a light wherever he went; always joyful and kind. Rest In Peace sweet man. Jim & Julia Waskosky and family.

Julia Waskosky - April 24, 2020 at 08:04 AM

KE

“ Janet and family,

We send our deepest sympathy during this difficult time. May you find peace in his loving memories. Earl was a wonderful man. We were blessed to have met him along life's journey.

The Eichenlaub family

Katie Eichenlaub - April 24, 2020 at 05:55 AM



CS

“ Janet and family,  
We were so saddened to hear of Earl's passing....he was always a  
"one of kind" guy. I'm sure you have wonderful memories to help  
you through the difficult times. RIP Earl  
Wayne and Cheryl Segneri

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**cheryl segneri** - April 23, 2020 at 11:22 PM

TD

“ Tom Dandelles lit a candle in memory of Earl  
Giroux



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**Tom Dandelles** - April 23, 2020 at 08:40 PM

SR

“ I've known Earl since high school, and had seen him occasionally  
over the years. He was always a fun guy, and a true gentleman. My  
thoughts and prayers go out to Janet and Family. He will be missed.  
Steve Randazzo

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**steve randazzo** - April 23, 2020 at 06:50 PM

JS

“ Janet and Family you have my deepest sympathy and prayers are  
with you. Earl was a wonderful man always happy go lucky guy.

*Jim Shapkauski*

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**Jim Shapkauski** - April 23, 2020 at 12:55 PM

BP

“ *Janet and family: So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Dave and Bonnie Pinnow*

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**Bonnie Pinnow** - April 23, 2020 at 09:21 AM

JP

*Earl Vic & I will miss you greatly, your jokes, playing euchre together or just sitting on your patio sharing memories and of coarse our fishing with Ethon. you were a true friend and will be with us until we meet again. Jim and vicki*

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**James Patterson** - April 24, 2020 at 12:45 PM