



Edward P Benoit

May 11, 1947 - August 9, 2023

Edward P. Benoit, age 76 of Kankakee, passed away on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee. He was born on May 11, 1947, in Bourbonnais, the son of Louis and Lillian "Toots" (Paquette) Benoit. Edward married Colleen Casey on November 8, 1969, in Hull, Massachusetts. Edward was a firefighter for the City of Kankakee, Kankakee State Hospital, and Manteno State Hospital. He was an EMT/Paramedic, an Emergency Room Technician, and the first certified fire fighter for Bourbonnais Rural Fire Department. His first call was the Crescent City Train Explosion in 1970 and he retired after his last call, the 1999 Amtrak Train wreck.

Edward enjoyed woodworking which included many wood projects for his family. He liked to camp. Edward was an avid Chicago Cubs Fan and Chicago Bears fan.

Edward was a veteran of the United States Navy, having served during the Vietnam Conflict on the USS Wichita and the USS Oriskany.

Edward was a parishioner of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Kankakee.

Surviving is his wife of nearly 55 years, Colleen; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Chris (Rebecca) Benoit of Bourbonnais, Paul Benoit of Belleview, FL; three sisters and one brother-in-law, Marguerite (Walt) Butz of Kankakee, Rosemary Weber of Bourbonnais, Barbara Poskin of Kankakee; one brother, Reverend Louis Benoit of Roanoke, VA; five grandchildren, Mae, Brian, Abbigale, Lillian, Gabbriale; one great grandchild, Aurthor; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Edward is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Vernon Benoit, and one sister-in-law, Joy Benoit.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 14, 2023, at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Bourbonnais. A funeral mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Kankakee. Reverend John Peeters and Reverend Louis Benoit will concelebrate the mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Kankakee Fire Department for thermal imaging goggles.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **14**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

AUG **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
428 S. Indiana
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-6716

Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Katie Chigaros lit a candle in memory of Edward P Benoit*



Katie Chigaros - August 13, 2023 at 03:13 PM

BP

“ *Rest easy Uncle Ed.*

Brian P - August 13, 2023 at 09:27 AM

KM

“ *I remember Mr Benoit. We lived across the street from him and Colleen ..my sons Marq and Masson Covington played with the sons, Chris and Paul for years. I'll always remember Mr. Benoit as a fun loving father and great neighbor. Good bless the family. Kathy Covington McDowell*

Kathy Covington McDowell - August 11, 2023 at 11:16 PM

DH

“ *Eddie was one of the most sweetest people that i have ever met. Eddie loved his soulmate Colleen and she loved her sweetheart Eddie. Rest In Peace my friend.*

Dorothy Hudson - August 11, 2023 at 08:44 PM

TA

“ Thomas Anthony lit a candle in memory of Edward P Benoit



Thomas Anthony - August 11, 2023 at 05:52 PM

DL

“ Colleen, deepest condolence to you & all your family on Ed's passing.



Debra Lambert - August 11, 2023 at 05:26 PM

KC

“ I was the flower girl and Colleen and Eddie's wedding at three years old. He has always been part of my life and I will miss him greatly. Rest in peace Eddie, I love you.



Kathleen Crivello - August 11, 2023 at 05:03 PM

JH

Sorry for your lost. James Honn.

James K Honn - August 12, 2023 at 08:43 AM

RK

Thank You for your service Ed, I sure many owe their very existence to you. Without a doubt I can say I'm proud to have known you! Rest in Peace Sir!

Randy Kaminsky - August 12, 2023 at 08:57 PM



Take Heaven with you Captain

lynn c sheehan - August 14, 2023 at 01:58 PM