

Edward "Sonny" Jankowski

July 16, 1942 - May 15, 2019

Edward W. "Sonny" Jankowski passed away on May 15, 2019 surrounded by family. He was born on July 16, 1942 to Bruno and Helen Jankowski, and is survived by his brother (Rev) Daniel and sister, Marianne. Raised in Chicago, he attended Quigley Preparatory High School, continuing his Seminary education through Ordination to the Diaconate. Deeply religious in his faith and convictions, he was a daily Communicant at Mass until he was physically unable to attend.

His career journey started in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, working for an Accounting firm and ended in Bourbonnais as a Car Salesman. He endeared himself to the staff as well as the customers. In retirement, he worked at Wesley Methodist Church. Throughout his life he dedicated his time to various parish and non-profits, devoting much time to Our Lady of Victory Nursing Home.

Being an avid sport's enthusiast and a Die-Hard Cubs fan, nothing pleased him more than having the north siders end their 108 year drought in 2016. He frequently tested his skill at Arlington Race Track as well as Las Vegas casinos. Having "Say Sonny" a thoroughbred named in his honor by the horse's owner, his cousin, Christine, was perhaps the pinnacle of his horse racing avocation. It was said that he was the owner's lucky charm. As Proverbs states, a faithful man will abound with blessings.

Family and friends treasured above all his humility, kindness, and generosity demonstrated throughout his life. He loved people, and people loved him. To be sure, his sunny disposition remains alive in all those who knew and loved him.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday afternoon, May 21, 2019 from 4:00 to 8:00 at Clancy Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday morning, May 22, 2019 at Maternity BVM 11:00.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or Wesley United Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY **21**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Mass

MAY **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Greater love hath no man for a dog than Ed had for Sara - - a big, sweet, three-legged teddy bear of a pooch, with a name straight out of Genesis. I got to know Ed and Sara from their visits to our animal hospital which, as I recall, Sara was never too enthusiastic about. She hated climbing up on the stainless steel table.

More recently I spent many sessions with Ed trying to learn TaiChi/Qi Gong. He had been there from the beginning and was a friend to all. As I stumbled awkwardly through the unfamiliar routines, he held off from laughing and was very encouraging. Three years of practice has brought a bit of improvement, but it won't be the same without Ed around. Everyone in our little wellness group will really miss him. Larry Beeman

Larry Beeman - May 22, 2019 at 03:56 PM

PW

“ I met Sonny 1 time at his mom and dad's house. I went to school with Marianne at Bishop McNamara. My deepest sympathy to Marianne and to Fr. Dan.

Pat Tuttle

Pat Williamson - May 21, 2019 at 10:26 PM

RB

“ Ed was a fine gentleman, I met while he was doing janitorial work a Wesley United Methodists Church. Always a mile on his face and a good word to say. Am glad I met him. My sympathy to his family. Rita Bass, Wesley member.

Rita Bass - May 20, 2019 at 11:26 PM

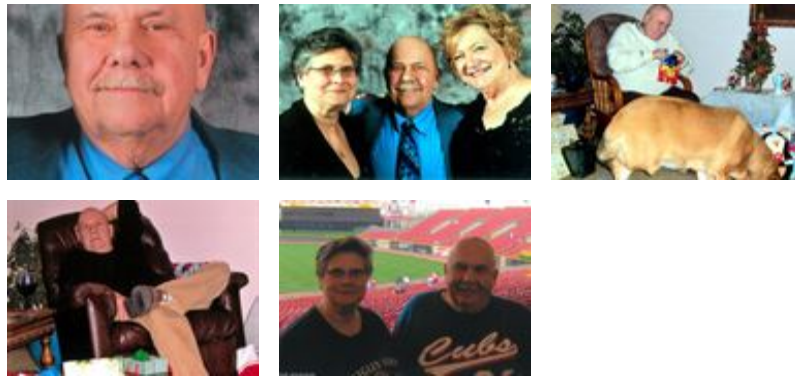
DC

“ Ed and I have been close friends since early 1990's. He was a someone who was 100% confidential and always a source of good sound advice. Everyone who got to know and work with Ed really respected him as man and as a strong Christian. He always put his family and others first. I will really miss Ed. He was an example of a good and faithful servant to so many.

Dean Cappel - May 20, 2019 at 03:08 PM



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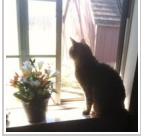
Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - May 20, 2019 at 01:25 PM

MG

“ Ed was a supportive member of the Community Wellness Group for years. He loved the Tai Chi and Qigong we practice. My personal feelings about Ed are precious. He was a kind man and a very good friend. When I first began teaching Tai Chi he and Marianne were the first people to sign up for my class. I am so sorry for the loss of such a precious friend, I loved him! Marianne, my thoughts and love go to you.

Mari Gromer

Mari Gromer - May 20, 2019 at 08:29 AM



“ Thank you Ed for being a great boss and always being so kind. You will be sadly missed.
Linda❤️



Linda Lou Bierman - May 19, 2019 at 12:32 PM

SH

“ Sr. Martha lite a candle in memory Edward W. Jankowski for dedicated Ministry to Our Lady of Victory. My prayers and sympathy are with you Marianne and Fr.Dan.Blessings,Sr. Martha,sscm



Sr. Martha Harrington,sscm - May 18, 2019 at 03:27 PM

LP

“ Marianne and Danny we are so sorry to hear about Sonny...what a wonderful person he was...he would always come in to the station and call me buddy...lol...going to miss him so much

Laurie Pelletier - May 17, 2019 at 02:04 PM

PD

“ Marianne I didn't know Sonny that well but I liked what I did know of him. He was always so kind with a smile on his face. I know that he was a great brother to you. I could see that family was important to him. May he Rest In Peace. Hugs, Peggy

Peggy Dauphin - May 17, 2019 at 01:22 PM