



## Edward A O'Keefe

August 28, 1928 - January 28, 2011

Edward A. O'Keefe, 82, of Bonfield, died Friday (Jan. 28, 2011) at his current residence at Bradley Royale Health Care Center. Mr. O'Keefe suffered a long battle with lung cancer since 2008, when he was diagnosed.

He was born Aug. 25, 1928, in Chicago, the son of Patrick and Lillian O'Keefe. He had three brothers, John, Frank and Bill, all are deceased.

Mr. O'Keefe married his wife of 55 years, the former Katherine Mae Shreffler, July 21, 1956, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Goodrich.

Mr. O'Keefe was employed with Texize Chemicals, now known as Dow, for 33 years, retiring in 1987. He then worked at Walmart until 1994. He was an enthusiastic sports fan, die-hard Chicago Cubs, Fighting Irish of Notre Dame and Chicago Bears fan. He enjoyed fishing. He was involved with Cub Scouts with his grandson, Shaun. Mr. O'Keefe was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church since 1956, and an active member with the AA program in Kankakee for 28 years.

Surviving family members include his wife, Katherine, of Bradley; daughters, Sharon and Louis Ballou, of Aroma Park, Karen and Randy Hanson, of Manteno, and Mary Kay O'Keefe, of Bonfield; three grandchildren, Kandi Hanson, Jennifer Ballou and Shaun O'Keefe. Mr. O'Keefe also has two great-

grandchildren; three brothers-in-law, Doyle and Jean Green, of Tremont, Leonard Shreffler, of Kankakee, and Alfred Williams, of Elm City, N.C.; and four nieces and five nephews.

Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, where funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday.

Burial will be in the Shreffler Cemetery in Limestone. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

# Cemetery Details

## Shreffler Cemetery

Limestone, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 30. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

JAN 31. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *This is late. But I knew Ed. I met him through some friends of mine & his daughter Mary Kay. He was a wonderful guy. He will long be missed by family and friends. God bless you, Edward.*

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**Roger Robinson** - April 27, 2020 at 01:43 PM

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“ *I remember many things about Ed, He was loud but a nice man. we use to steel snacks out of his lunch box when we needed sugar. He will be missed . and memory of working with him*  
*Carolyn Tucker*

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**Carolyn Tucker** - February 02, 2011 at 04:54 PM

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“ *John Papineau lit a candle in memory of Edward A O'Keefe*



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**john papineau** - January 30, 2011 at 08:21 PM