



Edward T. Safiran

January 5, 1934 - September 7, 2018

Edward T. Safiran, 84, of LaSalle and formerly of Kankakee, passed away on Friday, September 7, 2018 at Illinois Veterans' Home in LaSalle. He was born on January 5, 1934 in Bradley, the son of Stanley and Florence Dixon Safiran. Edward married Dolores "Dode" Horan on September 28, 1957 at Sts. Mary and Joseph Catholic Church in Chebanse. She preceded him in death on March 22, 2005.

Edward graduated from Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School in 1952. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, having served from 1952 until 1956, including during the Korean Conflict. He sailed around the world on USS Midway. Edward was the retired owner/operator of Safiran Interiors. He was a member of Kankakee American Legion. He was a parishioner of St. John Paul II – West Campus, formerly St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church. Edward enjoyed music, having played trombone in the Navy. He also played the harmonica. He enjoyed fishing and playing golf. He was a movie buff and particularly enjoyed classic movies. Edward was known for his great sense of humor.

Edward is survived by two sons and one daughter-in-law, Edward, Jr. and Barb Safiran, of Neponset, IL and Tim Safiran, of Aroma Park; one daughter and son-in-law, Liz and Gerry O'Connor, of St. Charles; six grandchildren, Meghan (Levi) Morales, Iain O'Connor, Hannah Safiran, Caitlin Safiran, Emily

Safirán, and Brianne Safirán; one great grandchild, Evaline Morales; two sisters, Martha Currier, of Bradley and Dorothy Hendricks, of Sun Valley, AZ; and two brothers and two sisters-in-law, Michael and Dolores Safirán, of New Lenox and Peter and Cathy Safirán, of Shipshewana, IN.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one granddaughter, Kristin Safirán; two brothers, Jack Safirán and Stanley Safirán, Jr.; three sisters, Bernice Safirán, Phyllis Hebble, and Mary Lou Dellibac; and one son-in-law, Mike Jenkins.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 am until 10:45 am on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at St. John Paul II – West Campus in Kankakee. Burial will follow at Maternity BVM Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to the Illinois Veterans' Home in LaSalle or to St. Margaret's Hospice Program in Spring Valley.

Cemetery Details

Maternity Cemetery

Corner of Canterbury Lane & William Latham
Dr.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

SEP 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus
953 South 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Liz, Ed, and Tim. So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Many fond memories of our days in Bourbonnais and coming over to your house when you moved to Kankakee.

Byron Menard

Byron Menard - September 13, 2018 at 11:19 AM

PG

“ Mr. Safiran was a great man. My condolences to Tim, Ed Jr. Liz and the rest of his family and loved ones.

Paul Gubbins - September 12, 2018 at 07:27 PM

NR

“ I remember Ed and Dode from the old neighborhood on Beaudoin in Bourbonnais. I used to babysit for Lizzie and Eddie. They were good neighbors. Rest In Peace, Mr. Safiran. (All the neighborhood kids called the adults Mr. and Mrs.)

Nancy Menard Riddle

Nancy Menard Riddle - September 12, 2018 at 06:36 PM

ES

“ Ed was a terrific human being, and we always thought of him as solid, unshakeable, non-judgmental, and ready to share a good conversation. He had a disarming sense of humor which was never biting or dismissive. Ed was always ready for a good honest laugh, and we always looked forward to his visits. He will be remembered by our family for his kind visits to my folks as they got older. Ed and Tim could lead one to the very best fishing spots downriver. He and Doty were especially and rightfully proud of their home in Limestone, where they made everyone welcome. It was a great blessing to have known them both, and we extend our genuine sympathy to Ed, Jr., Liz and Tim, and all their families.

Ed & Jean Smith

Edward D Smith - September 12, 2018 at 05:58 PM

GM

“ Ed and Doty were friends with us when we all lived in Bourbonnais as young married couples with small children, Lizzie and Ed Jr. and little Tim the baby. We played cards and shared a drink and popcorn at each others home. The guys always repeated old jokes and we all laughed the night away. Those were the days my friend! Fond memories of the Safiran's will be with us always. Our sympathy to the families! May it be a comfort to you to know what wonderful people Ed and Doty were.

RIP dear friends! Gwen and Narvel Mifflin

Gwen Mifflin - September 12, 2018 at 05:14 PM

ML

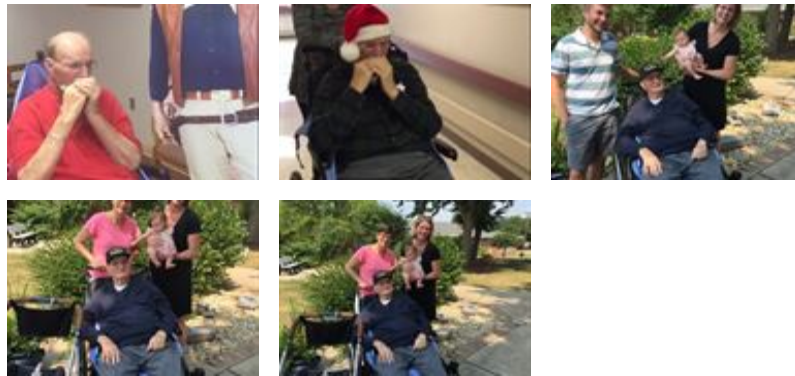
“ *My Pops wanted to add the golf games they all played together. He still has the poster that Mr Safiran gave him hanging in the house. Pops wanted me to extend his condolences; so sorry for your loss*

*James E Jaeger I
Michelle Jaeger Lavine*

michelle jaeger lavine - September 12, 2018 at 03:21 PM



“ *119 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - September 12, 2018 at 12:38 PM

ML

“ *So sorry to hear about Mr. Safiran. Our families spent fun summer trips to St Louis and fishing trips. Such wonderful memories with a wonderful family. Love and prayers.*

*Michelle Jaeger LaVine
James E Jaeger I*

michelle jaeger lavine - September 12, 2018 at 11:15 AM

WG

“ Ed, Jr. is our son-in-law. A few years ago, Ed, Sr. was house-sitting for Barb and Ed, and he came over for dinner one night. We had the best time exchanging all the talk and laughter families share. It stands out as one of the very happiest evenings we ever had at our house. Love to all the family. Carol and Wayne Gerrond

Wayne and Carol Gerrond - September 12, 2018 at 10:39 AM

SH

“ Ed was such a fun guy. I first met him when I came for Easter dinner at Jim's folks when I was maybe 17. I was pretty scared, but he and Doc quickly invited Jim and I to play Monopoly and that broke the ice. Jim and I had great times with Ed and Dode. We visited them in Florida and had a marathon number of games of pinochle. It was guys against the girls and guess what! We tied at 11 games each! The best time ever was when Ed and Dode came to visit us when we lived in Plano. We went to the West End in Dallas where they had an opportunity to dress in period costumes and have a picture taken. We all chose to dress in Civil War/Riverboat costumes. There was a line of people waiting their turn. Ed chose a Civil War general's costume - all of which were tied in the back. After the picture was taken, Ed launched into a soliloquy about the battles and in the end turned his back to the waiting crowd and declared, " I lost my ass in Vicksburg!" Everyone howled with laughter. My absolute favorite memory of Ed.

Sheryl S Horan - September 11, 2018 at 11:10 PM

WT

“ William Toliver lit a candle in memory of Edward T. Safiran



William Toliver - September 11, 2018 at 05:45 PM

RM

“ *My sympathies to all the family. Ed opened his home and sense or humor to many. Some of my best memories as a young man were fishing on the Kankakee river with him and Ed jr., and also Dale LaGesse and the late Mike Jenkins. In his later years, he'd stop by the river's edge to heckle the size/number of our catch, or our technique or lack thereof. Once when Ed and I had waded for hours on a hot day along a stretch of river to catch a few bass, we came back to a shady fishing hole near the road to find him with the huge catfish he'd pulled in after a couple of casts. I know he enjoyed outfishing us so easily that day. He'll be missed. Bless you all. -- Roberto Michel, Madison WI*

Roberto Michel - September 11, 2018 at 11:30 AM

CM

“ *Sympathy to the Safiran family. Mr. Safiran was a very kind man and helped me make decisions for my home. Rest in peace.*

Cathie (Sederstrand) Miedema



Cathie Miedema - September 10, 2018 at 10:58 PM