



## Edwin J. Benoit

March 13, 1925 - September 12, 2012

Edwin J. Benoit, 87, of Loda, formerly of St. George, died peacefully Wednesday (Sept. 12, 2012) at his home. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. George Catholic Church. Father Dan Belanger will officiate.

Burial will be in St. George Catholic Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. George Catholic Church.

Mr. Benoit was a retired employee of Kankakee Auto Leasing and a retired Buckley area farmer. He was born March 13, 1925, in Bourbonnais, the son of Homer and Sylvia Rivard Benoit. His first wife, the former Maxine Martin, whom he married Sept. 26, 1945, passed away April 5, 1983. He later married Gwen Thilmoney on June 27, 1987, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Loda. She preceded him in death March 29, 2007. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II and was a 60-year member of the Bourbonnais American Legion Post 1164. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a former volunteer for the Bourbonnais Fire Protection District and a former member of St. George School Board. He was a board member of Buckley Farmers Elevator and was on the parish council of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Loda.

Surviving are four sons and eight daughters, Carolyn (Patrick) Monahan, of Concord, Calif., Mary (Larry) McTaggart, of Onarga, Suzanne (Vernon) Savoie, of Vienna, Va., Marty (Julie) Benoit, of Springfield, Vincent (Chris) Benoit, of Kankakee, Dolores Benoit, of Hoffman Estates, Christine (Dan) Hayes, of St. Louis, Mo., Brian (Ann) Benoit, of Gibson City, Linda (Bill) Hardy, of Springfield, Donna (Shandy) Husmann, of Franklin, Tenn., Joel (Peggy) Benoit, of Springfield, and Diane (Daniel) Hoyt, of Cartersville, Ga. Also surviving are his 38 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and one stepgreat-grandchild; brother, Zephyr (Joan) Benoit, of Bourbonnais; and sister, Monica Ruder, of Herscher.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Antoinette Morrissette Benoit; two brothers, Louie George Benoit and Leandre Benoit; one granddaughter, Bridget Benoit; and one aunt, Georgianna Benoit, who helped raise him.

Memorials may be made to St. George Church, 5272 E. 500 N. Rd., Bourbonnais IL 60914

# Cemetery Details

## St. George Cemetery

5272 E. 5000 N. Rd.  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 929-6363

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 14. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

SEP 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. George Catholic Church  
5272 E. 5000 N. Rd.  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 939-1851  
<http://www.stgeorgeil.com>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**John Benoit** - October 11, 2012 at 10:04 PM

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“ *Dear Benoit Family,*

*I just found out about the passing of your father. I am so sorry. I especially send my sympathy to Christ and Vince and their children. He must have been a wonderful man. I'm sure you will miss him very much. Please know you are all in my prayers.*

*God's peace,  
Sister Lori Kirchman*

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**Sister Lori Kirchman** - September 15, 2012 at 04:03 PM

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*Oops! I meant Chris!*

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**Sister Lori Kirchman** - September 15, 2012 at 04:04 PM

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“ Dear Family,

*So sorry to hear of the your fathers passing. He was one terrific guy. Many great memories I had visiting and being a part of your family during my McNamara years with Chris, Delores, Brian, Vince and his wife Chris and the other family members. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Fondly,  
Lynn Bieber Lowry*

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**Lynn Lowry** - September 14, 2012 at 04:45 AM