



Edwin G. Fritz

October 23, 1929 - October 27, 2025

Edwin G. Fritz, age 96 of Kankakee, passed away on Monday, October 27, 2025, at his home surrounded by his loving family. Edwin was born on October 23, 1929, in Buckingham, the son of George and Emma (Hebekeuser) Fritz. Edwin married Patricia DuBois on January 5, 1952, at St. Rose Catholic Church, Kankakee. She preceded him in death on December 26, 2014, after nearly 62 years of marriage.

Edwin retired from Kroehler Manufacturing as a foreman after many years. He owned and operated Fritz Upholstery for over 50 years.

Edwin was an avid fisherman, enjoyed hunting, playing cards with family and friends and golfing. He was a master gardener who grew the best tomatoes. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Edwin was a veteran of the United States Army serving in Korea. He was a morse code and radio operator.

Edwin was a parishioner of St. John Paul II.

Surviving are three children, Sue (Alan) Hoekstra of Carlsbad, CA, Linda Fritz (fiancé George Bond) of Kankakee, Thomas Fritz (Ed Fikeys) of Frankfort, IL; one sister, Catherine Lovell of Cincinnati, OH, one brother, James "Jimmy" Fritz (Ann Salm-Fritz) of Limestone; two sisters-in-law, Elsie Fritz, of Buckingham, IL, Ann Fritz of Kankakee, IL; two grandsons, Kyle (Rachel) Hoekstra, Samuel Hoekstra; one great granddaughter, Harper Hoekstra; several nieces, nephews, and their families.

Edwin is preceded in death by his wife, Patricia; his parents; two brothers,

William Fritz, Francis Fritz, and one sister, Mardell Spears.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 30, 2025, at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, Kankakee. The funeral Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 31, 2025, at St. John Paul II, West Campus, in Kankakee. Reverend Matt Pratscher will celebrate the Mass. Interment will follow at All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais.

Memorials to Ray Olley Memorial Project or Kankakee Veterans Administration Commission.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 4:00 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 Mass

OCT **31**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

KC

“ so sorry to hear of Mr. Fritz passing . My wife and I were trying to figure out how many years he has been doing various upholstery jobs for us and my in laws and friends well over 40 years. We loved dropping things off to him and hearing about his latest fishing trips and he would always talk about his family. We would occasionally drive through his alley (after coming to eat at blues) just to see if by chance he was in his garage so we could say hello and chat! Today was no different and we learned of his passing from a neighbor . Our condolences to his entire family may he rest in eternal peace .(and hopefully there looking for a few good fisherman in heaven) rest in peace Mr. Fritz you will be missedKenny and Marcia Carpenter

ken carpenter - November 08, 2025 at 06:55 PM

RB

“ Ed was a great friend.
We had so much fun playing poker! ♣️♦️♠️
❤️
He will be missed!
A true military hero!
Prayers for Ed & his loving family.
Your friend Bob B.



Robert Beland - October 30, 2025 at 09:42 AM

CF

“ *This man was so much to so many people. Spoke softly, unless he was watching the White Sox's or a good golf match! Very talented in many things. I will miss his stories and his hugs. Well done good and faithful servant*



Chris Felter - October 30, 2025 at 09:09 AM

JM

“ *My condolences to the family, such a nice man and a Veteran. Sorry for your loss Linda and family. God Bless him .*

Jimmy Mullinax - October 30, 2025 at 06:41 AM

YC

Our very deepest condolences for the family's loss of Mr. Fritz. May the dear Lord give you comfort during this very difficult time. Dr. and Mrs. Steven D. Williams

Yvonne Christian-Williams - October 30, 2025 at 12:26 PM

KS

“ *I would like to give our condolences to the Fritz family. We pray for you during this difficult time.*



Krista Dear & Demere Turner Sr - October 29, 2025 at 04:24 PM

DD

“ Dear Sue,

I am so sorry for you in the loss of your father. My heart and love go out to you! God bless you and your family!

Doris Dippel

Doris Dippel - October 29, 2025 at 11:29 AM

SH

Thank you Doris for your kind words so appreciated. Hope you are doing well and so good to hear from you. Love and Blessings💕💕

Sue Hoekstra - October 29, 2025 at 05:32 PM