



Francis "Frank" Aspel

July 31, 1922 - January 27, 2020

Francis K. "Frank" Aspel, age 97, of Kankakee and a lifelong resident of Lockport, passed away on Monday, January 27, 2020 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

He was born July 31, 1922 in Marley, the son of Howard J. & Agnes Jungels Aspel.

Frank married Virginia M. Bolte on August 23, 1947 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Joliet. She preceded him in death on November 4, 2007.

He had been a tool designer for Caterpillar in Joliet for many years.

Frank was a member of the PT Boaters Association, Lockport VFW, and a charter member of the Lockport Moose Lodge #1557.

He enjoyed gardening and calling Bingo. Frank was a huge Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears, and Illini fan.

Frank was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served during WWII on PT 157.

He was a parishioner of St. Dennis Catholic Church in Lockport.

Surviving are three daughters, Linda L. & David Beckham of Bourbonnais, Beverly M. & Michael O'Brien of Haymarket, VA, and Shirley A. Brandland of Parker, CO; six grandchildren, Jeff Beckham, Denise (Brian) Wadley, Michael (Larissa) O'Brien, Scott O'Brien, Jonathan Brandland, and Caitlyn (Michael) Boukhari; great-grandchildren, Lauren and Lucas Wadley, Audrey, Ingrid, and Evan Beckham, Alexander and Xavier O'Brien, and Aspen Brandland; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his wife, he is preceded in death by his parents; and one sister,

Dorothy Rex.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial visitation will be held 9:00 -10:30 a.m. Friday, January 31, 2020 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 31, 2020 at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. Rev. Jason Nesbit will celebrate the Mass. Inurnment will be held at a later date at Resurrection Cemetery in Romeoville. Memorials may be made to National Multiple Sclerosis Society or Epilepsy Foundation.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 31. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Memorial Mass

JAN 31. 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

BW

“ *To the Aspel Family
This is Bonnie Ayers Ward. Bonnie and Jim were in Florida and were so saddened to hear that (Francis as we knew him) had passed away. He was certainly a very wonderful neighbor and we all thought highly of him, your Mom and your family. He took such good care of our parents in the end of their lives and we all appreciated the fact that he looked after them when we could not. Memories certainly remind us of him working diligently in your yard and the garden in the back and sharing his great supply from the garden. Please know that you all are in our prayers and we all send our love!!*

Bonnie Ward - February 17, 2020 at 11:42 AM

CH

“ *Linda, I am so sorry to read about the passing of your father, may he rest in peace.
Chuck Huckaba*

Chuck Huckaba - February 02, 2020 at 12:00 PM

RC

“ *Francis Aspel was a man of our greatest generation. He was kind, courteous and above all loved his family. Our condolences to them*

Ron & Lynda Caneva

Ron Caneva - January 31, 2020 at 07:41 PM

SE

“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers. We send our love
Sue and Steve*

sue ernest - January 28, 2020 at 09:02 PM

JD

“ So sorry for your dads death. You are in our prayers

Juanita & Rick Doyle - January 28, 2020 at 04:41 PM

JV

“ Shirley, I'm sorry to hear of your father's passing. Please accept my sympathies and prayers.

John Vercellino - January 28, 2020 at 03:15 PM

DM

“ Linda, Carol and I are sorry for your loss. We extend our prayers and sympathies to you and your family during this time.

Dale & Carol McClure - January 28, 2020 at 12:40 PM

JR

“ Sending my sympathy and prayers to the family. I'm a wait staff at Westwood. Frank was such a kind man. We will all miss his AMEN after ordering his meal. I'm unable to attend the visitation but will be thinking about your family. Jean Rousey

Jean Rousey - January 28, 2020 at 09:33 AM

JS

“ *Linda and Family:*
So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I certainly enjoyed seeing him when he came to the office. He was a patient that just grabbed your heart because of his wonderful smile and good nature. What a wonderful time he must be having in heaven! My prayers are with you all. I will be at work at the time of the service, but I will be remembering your Dad on Friday and picturing him sitting in the waiting room! God bless him!

Jeanette Schneider

Jeanette Schneider - January 28, 2020 at 08:38 AM

EM

“ *Lonnie, Bevie, and Shirley I'm so sorry for the loss of your dad! He was such a great guy and like an "extra" dad to me!! I'm sure he and your mom are together in heaven!! I'll always remember him and his love for the Cubs, beer mustard, and peanut brittle!! Rest in Peace, Mr. Aspel!!*

Elaine Morgan - January 28, 2020 at 12:12 AM

VF

“ *Linda and Family; so sorry to see that Francis passed away today. He was a very special man; always had a smile on his face and it was a pleasure to see him when I went to bingo in Lockport. He is with Virginia now but he will always be with you all in your hearts. Hold those special memories. I know I will always remember him coming to our house usually on Christmas Eve to give me his god daughter a present. Be thankful that you were able to have him all this time. Our Dad died at 69 and Mom died at 68. Love and Hugs to all you girls and the family.*

Virginia Affrunti Fulkerson - January 27, 2020 at 11:32 PM