



Francis Richards

May 20, 1922 - July 28, 2009

Francis L. "Green Jeans" Richards, 87, of Bradley, died Tuesday (July 28, 2009) at Provena Our Lady of Victory. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley. The Rev. Anthony Nugent will officiate. Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Mr. Richards was a custodian and bus driver for Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School for 22 years. He also worked at Kroehler Manufacturing. He was born May 20, 1922, in Pesotum, the son of Harry and Louise Matthews Richards. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley, where he was a member of the Holy Name Men. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of the Bradley American Legion. He enjoyed walking. Surviving are his wife, the former Anna Krall, whom he married Nov. 3, 1945, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley; one son and daughter-in-law, James and Carol Richards of Bemidji, Minn.; one daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Alan Clutter of Bradley; four grandchildren, Leah Richards, Marsha Peters, Mark Clutter and Pamela Maas; and six great-grandchildren, Allyson Peters, Brayden Peters, Paige Maas, Jamie Maas, Andrew Clutter and Emily Clutter. Deceased are one brother, Phillip Richards; and two sisters, Helen Duke and Anita Taflinger.

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“ Francis "Greenjeans" was a great guy to work with and have as a friend. ¶ One of the kindest people you would ever meet. ¶ I first met him as my bus driver to and from BBCHS and later worked with him in the summers. ¶ I really enjoyed working with him. ¶ My condolences to his family.##imported-begin##Kevin Longtin##imported-end##

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“ So sorry to hear about your loss. When I saw your fathers picture it brought back memories of many years ago and seeing your parents at St. Joseph Church. Know your family is in our prayers.

 ¶ Sincerly,

 ¶ Mary##imported-begin##Mary Dionne Groff##imported-end##

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“ The world has lost a great man. He gave his best at all times and he made high school days a better time for me. He was always happy and had a smile for you. I hope the best for his loved ones, I know he will be missed. ¶½¶¶imported-begin¶¶Terry L. Dismang¶¶imported-end¶¶

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“ I am terribly sorry for your loss. I know the words do not mean much, but our loved Mr. Green Jeans is in a better place.¶¶imported-begin¶¶Betty Peppin-Hack¶¶imported-end¶¶

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“ " Mr. GreenJeans" was my bus driver when I attended BBCHS and always had a smile and a friendly greeting when we got on the bus. ¶½He also always spoke with you in the hallways. ¶½In recent years I have gotten to see "Mr. GreenJeans" when he would come to visit us in surgery at Provena St. Mary's. He still always had that pleasant smile and a kind word. ¶½Unfortunately I will be unable to make his services as I am with my family on vacation in Bemidji, Minn. ¶½My condolences to all of you. ¶½He will be greatly missed.¶¶imported-begin¶¶Karen Hildebrand Cherry¶¶imported-end¶¶

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. I remember in growing up you lived behind us. I also remember all the times at school where we would just talk. You are greatly missed. Anna, Jim & Barb & families you are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Mary Jo (Allen) & Dan Mulligan##imported-end##

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“ We are so sorry for you loss. I remember you lived behind me (Kathi) when I lived in Bradley. I had such a good time at your house with Jim and Barb. All of you are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Kathi (Allen) & Jerry Boerngen##imported-end##

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“ Mr. Green Jeans,

you were a great bus driver and kind person and drove both of us to school in the 70's. We will miss your great smile.##imported-begin##Steve & Kathy Glogowski##imported-end##

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“ When I saw Mr. Richards obituary I said, "That's Green Jeans". I never knew this kind man's real name but everyone liked him in the halls at BBCHS. He always had a smile and he wasn't afraid to talk to us teenagers. Now, I realize that he is Barb's dad, Marsha's grandpa and Brayden & Allyson's great-grandpa. I'm sorry for your family's great loss. i ½##imported-begin##Michelle Meier##imported-end##

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“ I am so deeply sorry for the loss of Mr. Richards "GreenJeans".
½He will be missed greatly. ½I will also remember him from bus
driving to walking past mom and dad's house every day. ½We
love you all and will be in our preyers.

Amie Heitz-
Smith, Marty and Liam Smith##imported-begin##Amie Heitz-
Smith##imported-end##

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