



## Francis "Jim" Walsh

July 22, 1934 - June 30, 2015

Francis "Jim" Walsh, age 80, of Bourbonnais, passed away Tuesday (June 30, 2015) at Presence St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee.

He was born July 22, 1934 in Clifton, the son of Emmett and Lillian Mathews Walsh. Jim married Barbara Cerbanos on April 18, 1955, at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Kankakee.

Mr. Walsh retired from General Foods after 35 years of service.

Jim was a proud U.S. Marine serving during the Korean War from 1953-1955.

He was a machine gunner in the First Marine Division. He was a lifetime member of the Bradley VFW Post 6502 and Bourbonnais VFW Post 9961, holding several posts including commander. He marched in parades and helped with veterans' funerals, dinners, selling poppies and visiting veterans homes and schools. He was a true veteran and American.

He was also a volunteer fireman.

Jim also was very involved in the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Kankakee, where for 58 years, he cooked for the Greek Festival.

Surviving are his wife, of Bourbonnais; daughter and son-in-law, Natalie Rapier and Jason Cohoon, of Bradley; one granddaughter, Helena Dennison and her fiancé Michael North, of Bradley; one step-granddaughter, Kristina Cohoon, of Bradley; and two great-grandchildren, Angel Pangle and Scott "Andrew" North, of Bradley.

Preceding him in death were his parents; five brothers; and one sister.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday at Clancy-Gernon-

Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Kankakee, with the Rev. William Conjelko officiating. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family or Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JUL 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church  
296 N. Washington  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Chur

# Tribute Wall

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“ I will always remember the quiet smile and gentle ways of my Uncle Jim. The Good Lord has surely saved him a very special place in Heaven with his loving brothers and sister! Rest in peace dearest uncle. Your niece, Carol Walsh (Martino)

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**Carol Walsh Martino** - July 09, 2015 at 06:27 AM

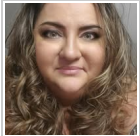
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“ My condolences to the family. Remember him well from when a bunch of us ran around together at the skating rink with his cousin Ken Marion and other close friends also. He was well liked by all and had a good time. God Bless.

*Darlene Marion*

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**Darlene D. Marion Marion** - July 07, 2015 at 04:47 AM



“ Uncle Jim you were one of the best men I know. You served your Country and were a true hero to many of us but most importantly you served your family with unconditional love and respect. You are in Heaven now and I hope you are having a good time with Lester, Grandpa, Grandma, Uncle Steve, Uncle George, Uncle Harry, Uncle Connie, Uncle Ron, Uncle Benny, Aunt Pearl and Cousin Jimmy. Let them know they are missed and loved by many of us and someday we will all be together again as a big family. Rest in Peace Uncle Jim. I love you very much.

*Tonya Barnett-McNees*

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**Tonya McNees** - July 01, 2015 at 02:51 PM