



Francis "Bud" Francoeur

September 13, 1927 - September 11, 2009

The angels came to take Francis "Bud" Francoeur, 81, home on Friday (Sept. 11, 2009), on his sister Odora's birthday who awaits him in heaven. Visitation will be at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais today, Sept. 14, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and a funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 15, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Kankakee. Burial will be at All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made for Masses, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. Bud was born in Beaverville, the youngest of five to Meddie and Jeannette (Besse) Francoeur on Sept. 13, 1927. Bud was raised in Kankakee and was a lifelong member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. Bud married Alice Branz, the love of his life, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church on Sept. 28, 1952. Bud was a member of the U.S. Air Force and stationed in Texas and Washington. He worked for Jaffe Men's Clothing, A.O. Smith, co-owned Mr. Bud's Restaurant with his wife, Alice; and was a car salesman with Ed McBroom's, Jerry Fox and Tom O'Brien Lincoln Mercury. Bud scheduled and drove auction trips for Napleton's Auto Werks. He also volunteered for The Salvation Army, Provena St. Mary's Hospital and Riverside Medical Center. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Bud is survived by his wife, Alice; three daughters and one son, Kris (Ed) Stahler of Odell, Denise (Doug) St. Pierre, Kim (Mark) Dykstra, all of Kankakee, and Marc Francoeur of Los Angeles, Calif.; 10 grandchildren, Keri (Will) Grob, Lori (Eric) Gerth, Jeremy (Jill) St. Pierre, Robert (Kay) Stahler, Ryan (Elisha) Stahler, Jessica St. Pierre (Ryan Kruse),

Andrea (Chris) Wulff, and Joshua, Jared and Arielle Dykstra; 10 great-grandchildren with number 11 due to arrive in October; one sister, Gertrude Brenneisen of Kankakee; two brothers-in-law, Norman Patnaude of Michigan, John Langman of Nevada; three sisters-in-law, Donna Patnaude of Michigan, Debra Branz of Kankakee, Margo Nourie of Tennessee; many nieces and nephews and special friends, Jack and Barb Stearns of Florida, Shirley and Wes Shadowen of Kankakee, and traveling buddies, Chuck and Carol Jackson of Bourbonnais. Preceding him in death were his parents; and sisters, Viola Havens, Odora Davis and Stella LaFond. Bud devoted his life to his wife, family and friends. In addition, Bud also had a love for cars, the Cubs, collecting baseball caps and beer steins, and especially playing Texas Hold'em with his grandchildren. He will be missed by all and will always remain in his family and friend's hearts with special memories for being the most caring and loving husband, dad, grandpa and friend.

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“ Alice and kids i ½ i ½ I am in Daytona on a little get away. We left Fri the 11th and just got the word today. I am sorry for your loss and me losing a great friend. I wish we could have been there to pay respects.##imported-begin##D'Arcy Ballinger##imported-end##

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“ So sorry for your loss. Bud was a great man. Have many great memories of him. i ½ Know that you guys are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Michelle & Family##imported-begin##Michelle Smith##imported-end##

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“ I'm praying for your family. i ½ We will miss Bud's jovial presence at our family gatherings.##imported-begin##Wanda Reid##imported-end##

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“ It is hard to imagine Uncle Bud without a smile on his face.
i½Having lived half way across the country for the last 15 years, I didn't see Uncle Bud often enough, but every get together was a fun one. i½

As a kid, Uncle Bud always had a \$2 bill for me. i½I still have one of those bills and think of him every time I look at it.

The thoughts and prayers of the Krauss family are with Aunt Alice and the rest of the family.##imported-begin##Adam Krauss##imported-end##

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“ Bud and Alice have been dear friends for many years. i½We vacationed with them in the Ozarks, when our children were young, and made many happy memories.

Sorry we were unable to attend the visitation. i½Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Karen (VadeBoncoeur) & John Leutloff##imported-end##

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“ Mark did the driving scene with Bud and Chuck a couple times and said they had such fun. i½Bud was always jolly and I know he will be greatly missed on those bus trips with Mom and Chuck.
i½##imported-begin##Lori Korstick Anderson##imported-end##

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“ I met Bud thru Doug and Denise, was very nice and funny. My deepest sympathy to all of your family. Stephanie.##imported-begin##Stephanie Breault##imported-end##

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“ Who can forget the great resteraunt Mr. Bud's. i ½ We had so many woderful meals there and Bud always made us feel special.

 Our deepest sympathy on your loss.

 Bob & Kay Smith##imported-begin##Robert & Kay Smith##imported-end##

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“ Katie and I were sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.

 Please give me a call when you feel up to it.

 All our love,

 Phyllis & Katie

 ##imported-begin##Phyllis Emmerson##imported-end##

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“ Dear Alice and Family:

 i ½ We are so sorry for your loss. we will pray for you all, Gods Blessings

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 JUST AN ALL AROUND GOOD GUY. WILL BE MISSED.

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“ Alice

You and the children are in my thoughts and prayers. I have not seen you in a long time but i have thought of you and Bud through the years. Mom, dad, and Bud are together again in Heaven...Watch out!

All My Love

Your God Daughter

Karen "Sue" Gentile-Miles###imported-begin###Karen Gentile-Miles###imported-end##

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Our thoughts and prayers are with you ,

John and Shelly Papineau###imported-begin###john p. papineau###imported-end##

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“ Marc and Kim,

I am so sorry to hear about your dad.
½My thoughts and prayers are with you.###imported-begin###Gina (Schosser) Weaver###imported-end##

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“ Dear Alice, Gert, and families

Bud was a dear. ½He held my folks in high regard and they he likewise. ½Mary Kay enjoyed her time with Bud. ½My heart goes out to all of you at your loss. ½May God comfort you and fill the void with His love and wonderful memories of Bud and your lives together. God bless.
Love, Jan Montague###imported-begin###Janice (O'Connor) Montague###imported-end##

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“ HANG IN THERE BUD, I HAVE A 6 PACK ON ICE, SEE YA SOON.
i¿½NORM##imported-begin##NORMAN VADE
BONCOEUR##imported-end##

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“ I only got to meet Bud a couple times over the years but what a nice
guy he was! My parents, Carol & Chuck Jackson, spoke nothing but
great things about their times with Bud & Alice on their many trips
(mostly to casinos :))

My thoughts are with you Alice.

Godspeed!

Bill##imported-begin##Bill
Korstick##imported-end##

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“ I was so sorry when my sister emailed me of Bud's death. i¿½I
have thought of all of you often and remembered fondly how you
were always there for us and Mom and Dad. i¿½Wish I could be
there for you but if you need anything, just let me know. i¿½You're
in my thoughts and prayers.

Love

Libby
Gentile##imported-begin##Libby Gentile Tucker##imported-end##

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“ Kim, I am sorry to hear about your dad. i¿½I didn't know him but
know that you were very close to him. i¿½My thoughts and prayers
are with you. i¿½God bless you and your family.##imported-
begin##Sherry Peters##imported-end##

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“ DEAR ALICE,

 WE TREASURE THE GOOD TIMES WE HAD WITH YOU AND BUD..HE WAS ONE IN A MILLION AND

COULD ALWAYS MAKE US LAUGH. i ½TOM ESPECIALLY ENJOYED THE YEARS HE SPENT WITH BUD AND CHUCK AT OBRIEN'S AUTO GROUP.

YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.

WITH SYMPATHY,

TOM AND SALLY SIPPEL

 i ½i ½##imported-begin##TOM & SALLY SIPPEL##imported-end##

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