



Frederick D. Gifford Sr.

December 27, 1933 - June 20, 2020

Frederick D. Gifford Sr., age 86, of Bourbonnais, passed away Saturday, June 20, 2020 at AMITA Our Lady of Victory Nursing Home in Bourbonnais.

He was born December 27, 1933 in Huntington, WV, son of William & Violet Atkins Gifford.

Fred married Theresa Kyrouac on June 19, 1954 at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais.

He retired from Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School. He had also worked at Bradley Roper where he was a machinist and former union steward for Local 1212.

Fred was a former Little League Coach for 25 years and helped build the Slater Field.

He enjoyed fishing, walking, playing cards, horseshoes, and watching the Wheel of Fortune. Fred was an avid St. Louis Cardinal baseball fan and Illini fan. Most of all, he loved getting together with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife, Theresa Gifford of Bourbonnais; seven sons, David & Alyssa Gifford of Bourbonnais, Fred Jr. & Robin Gifford of Bradley, Mark & Patti Gifford of Rome, NY, Donald & Denise Gifford of Bartlett, TN, Bruce Gifford of Bourbonnais, James & Karla Gifford of Bourbonnais, and Daniel & Sherri Gifford of Clifton; two daughters, Cynthia Gifford of Bradley and Marie Ozturk of Bourbonnais; one brother, Bob & Sheila Gifford of Florida; 31 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Fred is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, William; three sisters, Elizabeth Boudreau, Doris Blake, and Velva Wilhoyt; and one granddaughter, Miranda Gifford.

Visitation will be held 4:00 -7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing guidelines.

Private family funeral services will be held Thursday, June 25, 2020 with burial following at Maternity Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or the Alzheimer's Association.

Cemetery Details

Maternity Cemetery

Corner of Canterbury Lane & William Latham
Dr.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **24.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
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Tribute Wall

DJ

“ To my Friends Dave and Alyssa my deepest sympathy. May the peac of God's love be with all of you. I miss you all Dan Jacobs

Dan Jacobs - July 07, 2020 at 04:03 PM

ME

“ I worked with Fred at BBCHS for several summers and was impressed on the shape he was in . Fred had a opinion about everything. He was always a hard worker, and I admired that. He was very proud of the school and his family. He will be missed very much missed!

Mike Evans - June 28, 2020 at 10:55 PM

LG

“ Fred was custodian for the wing at BBCHS that included the Home Economics classrooms for many years. He was a friend that I looked forward to seeing everyday, because he was a great listener, and I loved his sense of humor. He could make me feel like I'd had a good day, no matter how 'not good' it was, and I hope I helped do the same for him some days. Always smiling, with a cute twinkle in his eye. He spoke of his family with love and devotion. Fred was One of the good guys and I will miss him.

God Bless,

Laura Golowski
Home Economics Teacher
BBCHS, 1978-2009

Laura Golowski - June 24, 2020 at 02:27 PM

LK

“ i very much enjoyed many converasations with Fred after school. A very kind man with a ready smile. My sympathies to your famiy.
Linda Klette

Linda M Klette - June 23, 2020 at 12:57 PM

JG

“ Fred was great. He took care of my room for many years and did a super job. We would always chat while he kept working. I remember he lifted every desk to clean under it. I always thought I could not do that job. My arm would fall off. He was sure a good man. He and Donna Shear were a good team. He was super.
Joann Gricius

Joann Gricius - June 23, 2020 at 10:49 AM

BG

“ Dad, your good deeds will be cherished forever. You made a tremendous impact in many lives in your time on this planet. You worked tirelessly to provide for your family and taught every one of us the true meaning of responsibility. You also inspired all of us to love sports. You were a very successful coach, but not just in athletics, but in life. Personally, I will never forget what you've done for me. You gave me a chance in life, you gave me hope, you gave me a father and I am eternally grateful for that. Enjoy your journey, dear father, and we will all see you eventually.

Brandon Gifford - June 23, 2020 at 05:17 AM

DT

“ I Worked with Fred at BBCHS for many yrs ,I'm so sorry to hear of his passing 😞 I didn't think he would ever retire , I don't think he ever missed a day of work. 😊 Rest In Peace Fred 😞🌹

Deborah Tofte - June 22, 2020 at 07:45 PM

DW

“ *Denise Smith Wiemann lit a candle in memory of Frederick D. Gifford Sr.*



Denise Smith Wiemann - June 22, 2020 at 07:34 PM

DW

So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.

Denise Smith Wiemann - June 22, 2020 at 07:35 PM

CB

“ *GOD BLESS* 🕊️



Caryn Bigeck - June 22, 2020 at 05:19 PM

AU

“ *RIP Uncle Fred* 🙏🙏



Audrey - June 22, 2020 at 04:17 PM

JE

“ *Fred was a wonderful person. My prayers and thoughts are with his family.*

Julie Ebersole - June 22, 2020 at 02:15 PM

VR

“ Bruce and Sherri... My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and your family.



Vikki Ruffolo - June 22, 2020 at 11:17 AM

SW

“ Fred was such a wonderful man! I enjoyed talking with him when he worked at the school. He worked quickly and thoroughly, but always stopped to visit with me for a while. I cherish knowing him and working with him! Rest in peace Fred, and peace to your friends and family at this difficult time.

Steve Wunder - June 22, 2020 at 09:57 AM

SM

“ Sherri, I'm so sorry about your loss of Fred. What a sweet man.
Sally Martell

Sally Martell - June 21, 2020 at 11:26 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Mark. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Don & Cheryl Sandt

Cheryl Sandt - June 21, 2020 at 06:15 PM

MR

“ *Monica Rocha lit a candle in memory of Frederick D. Gifford Sr.*



Monica Rocha - June 21, 2020 at 04:39 PM

MR

Condolences to his family

Monica Rocha - June 21, 2020 at 04:40 PM

SH

“ *Sr, Martha sscm lite a candle in memory of Frederick D. Gifford Sr. I miss my visits with him and his smiles since my retirement. God bless him. My prayers and sympathy for his dear wife, Theresa and family.*



Sr. Martha Harrington,sscm - June 21, 2020 at 01:05 PM