



## Frederick A. Hendron

May 30, 1926 - April 17, 2013

Frederick "Fred" Hendron Jr., of Kankakee, passed away Wednesday (April 17, 2013) at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was 86.

He was born May 30, 1926, in Chicago, the eldest son of Frederick Hendron and Margaret Rowley Hendron, both of Chicago. Upon graduation from Mount Carmel High School, Chicago, where he led his team to the state football championship, Fred enlisted in the U.S. Navy and proudly served during World War II, on the USS Starlight. Following the war, Fred attended Marquette University and then returned to Chicago where he met Phyllis Benoit and married May 1, 1954, the love of his life for 59 years. The young couple started their life together in Denver, Colo., where their eldest son, Douglas, was born. The couple then moved to Riverside, Calif., and raised their young family.

Fred and Phyllis moved their family back to Kankakee, where Fred spent his career as a partner in Duncan- Hendron Ford and then as a residential and Commercial Realtor. He received numerous awards from the Illinois Association of Realtors for sales achievements earning him the life membership award.

He proudly served as tournament chairman for the Riverside Pro-Am Golf Tournament for more than 10 years.

Fred and Phyllis gladly served on the Culver Academies Parents Association, Eastern Illinois University's Parents Board of Directors, Parent's Committee for the Indiana University's Women's Golf Team, Kankakee YMCA Swim Team Parents Club, and president of West Junior High School PTA. An avid golfer, Fred was an active member of the Kankakee Elks Country Club and the Kankakee Country Club, where he enjoyed three holes-in-one on the 10th hole.

He was passionate and excited about a lot of things, his wife and family, his friends, his faith, his work, and his love for the game of golf, but his enthusiasm for life was contagious and his sincere compassion for friends and family was heartfelt. Fred was a devout Catholic and a faithful member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Fred is survived by his wife, Phyllis Benoit Hendron; son, Douglas Frederick Hendron, of Kankakee, daughter, Sally Rae Hendron, of Chicago, son, Scott Frederick Hendron, of Ormond Beach, Fla., and son, Michael Frederick Hendron, of Kankakee; two loving sisters, Therese Hendron Kontos and her husband, Klee, of New York, N.Y., and Lois Hendron Sone and her husband, Ron, of Flossmoor.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Jim and Joe Hendron; and sister, Patricia Hendron Deemer.

A wake service in honor of Fred's life will be held at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, with visitation from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday followed by a funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

APR **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
428 S. Indiana  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-6716

# Tribute Wall



“ Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Frederick A. Hendron



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - April 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Sally, Steven and I send our warmest thoughts and deepest sympathies to you and your family. Even though your father has passed, his memory and love never will. We love you, Steven (Bronco), Samantha, Callie, Allison & Kate Chefas.

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**Samantha & Steven Chefas** - April 26, 2013 at 09:48 PM

TP

“ Sally, My deepest sympathy is with you and your family during this time of loss. Remember the memories, as they will always be with you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Terri Pearce, TDT Consutling / EWGA Board of Director

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**Terri Pearce** - April 20, 2013 at 08:22 PM

BS

“ *Our dearest Fred was a wonderful soul with an effervescent spirit that made him present in every moment. He was bigger than life and had a way of making you feel like you were the center of his universe. Aunt Phyllis, Doug, Sally, Scott and Mike our love, prayers and thoughts are with you.*

*Love,*

*Lois, Ron, Bill, Don, Lynnette, Bailey and Tyler*

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**Bill Sone** - April 19, 2013 at 02:35 PM

DF

“ *Fred Hendron was the consummate professional. My condolences to his family.*

*Dave Finch*

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**Dave Finch** - April 19, 2013 at 01:10 PM

TK

“ Dear Phyllis, Doug, Sally, Scott and Mike,

*Therese and I want to express our sympathy and sorrow for your great loss and our great loss. Therese will be there at the memorial service today but I'm sorry I'm not able to be there in person to do so.*

*We will miss Fred and his generous smile and voice, full of loving energy and life and already feel the loss of not having spent more time in Fred's wonderful company.*

*I'm on my way to St.Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth Ave. here in New York, to light a candle and pray for blessings of Fred's soul.*

*For all love,*

*Klee and Therese Kontos  
24 Fifth Ave, Apt. 730  
New York, NY 10014*

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**Therese and Hercules (Klee) Kontos** - April 19, 2013 at 11:46 AM

RS

“ Dear Fred,

*Your name is written across our hearts.  
All my life I have been proud to say "Fred Hendron is my brother".*

*For All Love,*

*Therese*

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**ron and lois sone** - April 19, 2013 at 11:38 AM

LG

“ Please accept our heartfelt sympathies on the passing of Fred. He was a gracious, warm and caring man and he will be missed by so many. Phyllis, Sally, Doug, Scott and Mike, you are in all in our thoughts and prayers and if you ever need anything, please don't hesitate to call.

*All our love,*

*Lynne and Scott Gleeson*

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**Lynne Gleeson** - April 19, 2013 at 10:58 AM

SJ

“ Sally, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers - Shonda Jones, EWGA Board

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**Shonda Jones** - April 19, 2013 at 09:39 AM

KK

“ When I think of Fred, I see his contagious smile and hear his warm laugh. I don't believe that Fred ever knew a stranger. He had such a quality - making everyone feel welcomed. I will certainly miss that welcoming smile and warm hug.



*I always loved listening to his stories. He was so proud of his family and enjoyed telling tales about them.*

*While the light is dim here, it is surely shining bright in Heaven.*

*My love and prayers are with you, Phyllis, Doug, Sally, Scott, and Mike.*

*Karen (Regnier) Kern*

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**Karen Kern** - April 19, 2013 at 08:58 AM

JL

“ Sally:

*With every passing of life there remains an eternal spirit and source of inspiration that remains instilled in all who were touched by the departed. My deepest sympathies to you and your family.*

*Jon Last, Sports and Leisure Research Group*

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**Jon Last** - April 19, 2013 at 08:57 AM

KO

“ Sally - you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss. Kathy O'Neal, ClubCorp

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**kathy oneal** - April 19, 2013 at 08:16 AM

KF

“ *My dear friend Sally, Your father was an amazing man, I saw the never ending support he gave you in your endeavors leading the IU golf team and in life. I know you will feel that forever. My thoughts and prayers are with you, your wonderful Mom Phyllis and the entire family. Peace be with you.*



Karen French - April 18, 2013 at 10:02 PM

JK

“ *Dearest Sally and Family, My love and prayers too all of you during this difficult time. I will always remember your dad with his loving smile and gentle laugh!*

Jayne Azzarelli Korstick - April 18, 2013 at 08:53 PM

TF

“ *The Havran Family lit a candle in memory of Frederick A. Hendron*



The Havran Family - April 18, 2013 at 03:01 PM

IG

“ *Fred, you are leaving a big hole in our hearts. You are a special loving man, and Matt and I will miss you dearly. Phyllis, Doug, Sally, Mike and Scott, you have our deepest sympathies and all the love we can pass to you. In our prayers and thoughts.*

iola gomez - April 18, 2013 at 02:52 PM

JC

“ *John And Kathy Chefas lit a candle in memory of Frederick A. Hendron*



John and Kathy Chefas - April 18, 2013 at 01:31 PM

JC

*Inhale here, exhale there - Fred has gone to heaven and is at peace. Our thoughts are with you at this time of loss and grief. To all the Hendrons, know that Fred's light will never leave you and he will be watching out for you all from a little higher vantage point. God's grace and peace be with you.*

John and Kathy Chefas - April 18, 2013 at 01:34 PM



“ *Carol French Yount lit a candle in memory of Frederick A. Hendron*



Carol French Yount - April 18, 2013 at 12:21 PM



*Sally, I was so sorry to hear about your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I hope all of the wonderful memories you have will give you comfort.*

Carol French Yount - April 18, 2013 at 12:23 PM

DW

“ I'm so very sorry to hear that my friend Fred has passed. He will be missed by all of us in my office. - Dave West



Dave West - April 18, 2013 at 12:08 PM

JB

“ Jennifer Byers-York lit a candle in memory of Frederick A. Hendron



Jennifer Byers-York - April 18, 2013 at 11:33 AM

MC

Sally, our hearts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. We wish you peace and loving memories of your father. Posh, Michelle, Priya & Senna Charles

Michelle Charles - April 18, 2013 at 04:50 PM

CM

“ Carrie McClain lit a candle in memory of Frederick A. Hendron



Carrie McClain - April 18, 2013 at 10:15 AM

JE

“ *Scott, Doug, and family,  
I wanted to express my sympathy for your great loss. I'm sorry I'm  
not able to be there in person to do so.*  
-Julie Enright

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**Julie Enright** - April 18, 2013 at 05:44 AM