



Gary A. Apel

May 31, 1947 - September 28, 2019

Gary A. Apel, age 72, of Bourbonnais, passed away Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Miller Healthcare Center in Kankakee.

He was born May 31, 1947 in Lincoln, the son of Harold & Rosemary LaForge Apel.

He married Mary Dattilo on March 26, 1988 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kankakee.

Gary was a retired agronomist from National Starch Company in Indianapolis, IN. He was also co-owner of Apel-Blake Homes.

Gary earned his BS from Illinois State University and his MS from University of Illinois.

He was a member of the National Herford Association, the National Chianina Association, and the Kankakee Builders Association.

Gary enjoyed showing cattle and was interested in anything relating to farming and agriculture.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Apel of Bourbonnais; two step-sons, Eric Blake of Bradley and Chad Blake of Bourbonnais; two grandchildren, Meghan Blake and Elliott Blake; one sister and brother-in-law, Gail & David Sasse of Beason; two brothers and two sisters-in-law, Gene & Kathy Apel of Springfield and Garret & Jill Apel of Beason; and several nieces.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Visitation will also be held from 10:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kankakee.

Rev. Karl Koeppen will officiate the service.

Interment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or St. Paul's Lutheran School.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 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

Visitation

OCT 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
348 E. Merchant
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-0312
<http://www.stpaulslutheran.net>

Funeral Service

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
348 E. Merchant
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-0312
<http://www.stpaulslutheran.net>

Tribute Wall

VS

“ Gary and i taught together for eight years before he moved back to Illinois. We also socialized extensively, often five or more evenings a week. We had many laughs and solved all of the community college's and world's problems over the years. He was a fine person and his spirit lives on in each of our memories.

Virgil Schmitt - October 03, 2019 at 01:13 PM

DD

“ Gary was always a pleasure to talk to at Menards he was honest knowledgeable and ready to work . He was always ready to help anyone who needed help. Great guy I will miss him. Thank you

dan douglas - October 02, 2019 at 09:16 PM

TR

“ Mary, I was saddened to read about Gary's passing. Please know we are keeping you all in our thoughts and praying for your comfort during this difficult time and the days ahead. Love and hugs to you all, Tammy Rehberg



Tammy Rehberg - October 01, 2019 at 10:14 PM

DW

“ Mary, I am so sorry for your loss! Gary was an amazing agronomist, he taught me so much when I worked for him. It was all great until that first cool spring morning when he said we were gonna go walk the field and count corn....I think my reaction was probably “count what?”. I forever cherish our days at CFS, it was a great family.

Dawn Waldron - October 01, 2019 at 07:19 PM

MM

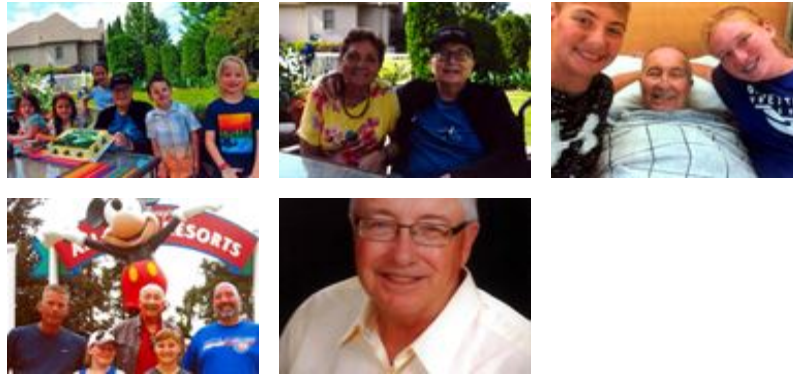
“ MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of Gary A. Apel



MR MRS - October 01, 2019 at 11:52 AM



“ 85 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - October 01, 2019 at 11:24 AM



“ Hugs and prayers are with you, Mary and family, at this sad time. May God's peace and comfort fill you.



Mary Quiroz Thomson - October 01, 2019 at 10:43 AM

JB

“ *Jacque Brown lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Apel*



Jacque Brown - September 30, 2019 at 10:53 PM

JB

THINKING OF YOU DURING THIS TIME WITH LOVE AND PRAYERS

Jacque Brown - September 30, 2019 at 10:59 PM

DP

Sorry for your loss prayers!

Delma Pearce - October 01, 2019 at 06:25 AM

LW

“ *Sending my condolences to Gary’s family and friends. I worked with him at Muscatine Community College for many years. His dedication to the Ag program and the students he taught made it a premier program in the state. I also have fond memories of Gary teaching me the polka! Lisa Wiegel*

Lisa Wiegel - September 30, 2019 at 09:41 PM

GB

“ *I remember Gary as a MCC instructor (Muscatine Community College). He was always freindly, helpful and positive. Sorry to hear of his passing, but glad I have fond memories of him!*

Gary Bruns - September 30, 2019 at 05:41 PM

TA

“ *Tom & Judy Andersen lit a candle in memory of Gary A. Apel*



Tom & Judy Andersen - September 30, 2019 at 02:20 PM