



Gerald Chouinard

January 10, 1935 - December 15, 2007

Gerald Chouinard -- Kankakee Visitation for Gerald J. Chouinard, 72, of Kankakee, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bradley. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township. Memorials may be made to Kankakee Valley MABAS Division 7 Fire Academy to establish a scholarship fund in honor of Gerald Chouinard. He died Saturday (Dec. 15, 2007) at his home, with his family by his side. Mr. Chouinard was a tool and die maker and manufacturing engineer for A.O. Smith, retiring after 37 years of service and was also a part-time instructor at Kankakee Community College. After retirement he worked Holohan Heating and Air Conditioning. He was born Jan. 10, 1935, in Bradley, the son of Clifford and Anna Marie Roy Chouinard. He joined the Kankakee Township Fire Protection District on Nov. 1, 1966. Jerry was a strong supporter of fire service training, and he led by example by obtaining the following certifications: Firefighter II and III, Instructor I and Rescue Technician certifications in confined space, and Vertical and Trench Rescue. He served Kankakee Township for 37 years as firefighter, lieutenant, captain, assistant chief and fire chief for 10 years. During his tenure as fire chief, Jerry accepted an appointment to serve on the radio committee for the Kankakee Valley Fire Chief's Association. While serving on this committee, Jerry established the standard operating guidelines for the implementation of the 800 megahertz trunked radio system used by all fire departments in

Kankakee County. Since implementing this radio system in 2001, little has changed with the guidelines created by Jerry. He liked crossword puzzles, brainteasers, bird-watching and bird feeding. He taught his grandchildren about space and the stars. He taught them to have the love of learning. He was the creator of many crafts, including woodworking and metal sculptures of dinosaurs. He always had the first garden tomato of the summer. He served in the U.S. Army. He was of the Catholic faith. There wasn't a stranger that he didn't have a joke for. Surviving are his wife, the former Patricia Martin, whom he married Aug. 5, 1961, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee; two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Susan Chouinard, Timothy and Brenda Chouinard, all of Kankakee; two daughters and sons-in-law, Leanne and Michael Carmody of Lake in the Hills, Lisa and Michael Gumprecht of Prospect, Conn.; and his beloved grandchildren, Trevor Chouinard, Tiffany Chouinard, Nolan Chouinard, Adam Carmody, Allison Carmody, Matthew Gumprecht and Andrew Gumprecht. He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, James. The family would like to express a sincere thank you to everyone at Hospice of Kankakee Valley, especially Theresa.

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“ Our deepest condolences in your time of need. Les##imported-begin##Les Bettenhausen##imported-end##

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“ You could never be in Jerry's presence without laughing or rolling your eyes at least once. ĩ½He was such a unique spirit and a blessing to everyone that knew him. ĩ½He will be missed.##imported-begin##Katie Holohan Johnson##imported-end##

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“ I WISH TO SEND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO EVERYONE. I RECENTLY LOST MY FATHER (HENRY MOSIER). THINKING OF YOU IN YOUR HOUR OF SORROW, AND EXTENDING HEARTFELT SYMPATHY. ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½MARTIN, ROBERTA VOLPE & KENNETH & GEORGE MOSIER.##imported-begin##Roberta (MOSIER) VOLPE##imported-end##

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“ JERRY WAS A GOOD PERSON, FOR MANY YEARS THE FIRE DEPT. CAME FIRST LIKE ALL FIREMEN. HE WAS SO FULL OF JOKES ALL THE TIME. I MISSED HIM AT THE TRUSTEE MEETINGS. I WENT THRU HIGH SCHOOL WITH HIM. I JOINED THE FIRE DEPT. APRIL 1963 AND RETIRED IN 1989. SO I BECAME A TRUSTEE FOR THE FIRE DEPT IN 1999 SO WE WERE GO BACK A LONG WAY. I AM IN TEXAS NOW SO OTHER WISE I WOULD BE THERE IN PERSON###imported-begin###LEVERNE AND KAY ST.PETER###imported-end###

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“ Dear Pat,

 ĩĉ½I was so very sad to hear of Jerry's passing. ĩĉ½I don't get the Daily Journal every day so just learned about it this past week.

 ĩĉ½You certainly have all my sincere sympathy. ĩĉ½Jerry was the very nicest Boss I ever had at A O Smith.

 ĩĉ½I also remember all the great b'day cakes you made for the Planning Dept people upon request.

 ĩĉ½Please know that your entire family is in my prayers. May God bless you and give you strength during this very sad time.

 ĩĉ½ĩĉ½Sincerely, Jan James

###imported-begin###Jan James###imported-end###

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“ I worked for St Mary's Ambulance while He was Chief. ĩ½My fondest memory is that he would meet up with us after our call to get paper work and he ALWAYS had a joke. ĩ½I looked forward to seeing him to hear his joke of the day. I would try to remeber them and go home to tell them to my husband and I would always mess them up! ĩ½He also was the "human GPS" ĩ½He knew every street, every building, every district boundry! ĩ½When Kan-Comm paged out City instead of Township, he was on it in seconds! ĩ½May you all be blessed with millions of memories to last until you meet again! ĩ½Thanks for sharing him with us!! ĩ½God Bless!##imported-begin##Tami Walters##imported-end##

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“ To a mentor, friend and a man of many outstanding tributes:

I can remember the days of KTFPD ice cream socials, playing at the station, going for rides on the trucks, the picnics and the great times as a kid growing up with parents involved in the fire service. ĩ½I remember Jerry and his family always being at these functions and what a wonderful person he was. ĩ½So thoughtful, yet funny. ĩ½He always had a joke or could tell a story like no one else I knew. ĩ½I am thankful that I was able to know Jerry and thankful for all that he done for my family as well. ĩ½The ĩ½fire service will miss him greatly as well as his friends and family. ĩ½My deepest sympathy to you in your time of need. ĩ½I am sorry I won't be able to attend the services.##imported-begin##sandy paulissen##imported-end##

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“ We would like to express our sympathy for your family of the passing of Jerry we are very sorry. You all will be in our prayers in this most difficult time.

The Vinings Ron, Sharon, & Wayne##imported-begin##Ronald & Sharon Vining##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Burt Taylor##imported-end##

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“ The family has my sympathy at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Carol Fritz##imported-end##

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“ i became friends with Gerald during a few of the 37 years he served as a firefighter, assistant chief and fire chief with Kankakee Twp Fire.

He treated everyone with warmness and a smile, my thoughts go out to Tim, at times in life people move away, but you never forget the friends at home.

God Bless the family. The impact he had on the Township Department and the Kankakee Fire Service in general will benefit from his work for many years.

###imported-begin##Doug Schnell###imported-end##

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“ I am sure Jerry is in Heaven telling a joke and just itching to deliver the punch line.

He and his family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Dave and Brenda ĩ½###imported-begin##Dave and Brenda Bollhorst###imported-end##

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