



Gerald Edward "Gerry" Kilbride

February 6, 1938 - July 26, 2025

Gerald Edward "Gerry" Kilbride, age 87, of Kankakee passed away Saturday, July 26, 2025 at his home, surrounded by his family. He was born February 6, 1938 in Kankakee, the son of Edward & Gertrude (Ruder) Kilbride. Gerald married Judy L. Romary on July 29, 1961 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Gerry was a Certified Public Accountant and Manager and Owner of Eastcourt Village. He was a 1956 graduate of St. Patrick Central High School. Gerry earned his BS from Northern Illinois University and his MBA from the University of Chicago. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a 4th degree knight, President of the YMCA from 1974-1975, in the National Handball Association, Army National Guard, Elks Country Club, Kankakee Country Club, and Quadrille Club. Gerry was owner of the Kilbride Data Center and co-founder of the Kilbride Family Run & Walk for Autism for 22 years. He was an avid Chicago Bulls fan and season ticket holder for over 55 years.

Gerry was a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley.

Surviving are his wife 63 years, Judy Kilbride of Bradley; three sons, Mark Kilbride of Destin, FL, Andrew Kilbride (Liz Marek) of Ann Arbor, MI, and Thomas (Lindsey) Kilbride of Ann Arbor, MI; three daughters, Jennifer (Mike) Range of Highland, IL, Christine (Kevin) McGovern of Kankakee, and Mary Kilbride of Bradley; one sister, Dolores Arseneau of Kankakee; two brothers, Duane Kilbride of Hudson, FL and Roger (Glendal) Kilbride of Bourbonnais;

seventeen grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Gerry is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers-in-law and one sister-in-law, Mose Arseneau and Joseph & Margaret Romary.

Visitation will be held from 2-6 p.m. on Sunday, August 3, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 4, 2025 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley. Interment will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to Holly's House of Hope for Autism and other Disabilities in Highland, IL.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

AUG 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
211 N. Center Street
Bradley, IL 60915
(815) 939-3573
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

Tribute Wall

AV

“ Much love to the Kilbride family from the Vogt family--we mourn the loss of this great, kind man. So very many cherished memories. “Suaimhneas Síoraí Air” / “Eternal Rest be Upon Him”

Anna M Vogt - August 13, 2025 at 05:36 PM

BM

“ Deepest condolences to the entire Kilbride family on Gerry's loss. He was a great man, community leader, family man and neighbor! The Kilbride family has been friends to the McCracken family as Gerry & Judy were in the same Quadrille group as my parents and created many great memories together dancing! I appreciated working and helping in my little way many years with the Kilbride Family Classic 5K Run with the hundreds of people they involved & helped each year at Cobb Park to fundraise & benefit the autistic community. What a legacy to leave behind!

Berry McCracken - August 13, 2025 at 12:36 AM

CC

“ Our Sympathy to Jerry's family. It was always great seeing him and Judy on different occasions. He was such a great guy
Sorry we didn't make the visitation as we were out of town.

Carl & Jan Coleman

Carl & Jan Coleman - August 04, 2025 at 10:17 PM

DM

“ Deepest sympathies to the entire Kilbride family! May he RIP.

David Mortell - August 04, 2025 at 07:31 AM

JE

“ I had the honor of working with Gerry for nearly a decade, and I feel incredibly lucky to have known him. He was truly one of the kindest, most genuine people I've met. Whether it was chatting on the phone or seeing him and Judy at games, every interaction left me smiling. His positivity was infectious, and his warmth made a lasting impact on everyone around him. I will always cherish the memories and I feel blessed to have been a small part of his life.

One of my favorite memories was a few years ago when Gerry and Judy presented the game ball before a Bulls game. The crowd cheered so loud for them when their names were announced on the Jumbotron!



Jen - August 03, 2025 at 07:51 PM

MR

My sincere condolences to Judy and her family. May God's Grace and precious shared memories always be a comfort.

Mel Roustio - September 02, 2025 at 02:13 PM

JR

“ I would like to convey my deepest condolences, sympathy and prayers for the entire Gerry Kilbride Family. I am so sorry for your loss and also for all of us who knew and respected him. I am currently out of town but please know that my heart is with you all. As we say in The United States Navy! “ WISHING GERRY FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS”as he continues his Eternal Rest In Peace Until You Are Reunited In The Sky!🙏🌈🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸
.Bravo Zulu (Well Done) ON A LIFE WELL LIVED in service to others and our community. With Respect and Appreciation James R. Wasser

James R.Wasser - August 03, 2025 at 01:43 PM

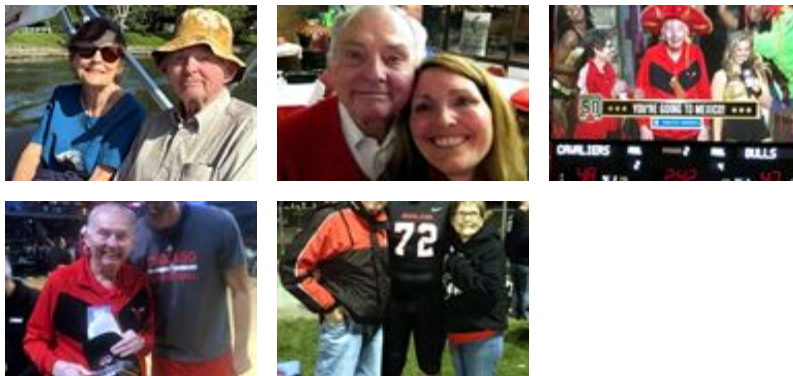
JF

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I have fond memories of Gerry at St Pats

Joseph Fritz - August 03, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ 90 files added to the album Life Tributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - August 02, 2025 at 10:47 AM

BD

“ Jerry sure enjoyed life! Always on the go! We couldn't go anywhere around town without running into him. With a big smile on his face, he always had a good story to tell, and his latest adventure to share. We'll miss running into him. Love to you, Judy, and your family, with our sympathy.
Barb and Maynard

Barb and Maynard Denault - August 02, 2025 at 09:01 AM



“ Deepest sympathy to Christine and all of the family from one of Kevin's friends. You are in my prayers.



William Maass VII - August 02, 2025 at 01:43 AM

LS

“ So sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace.
Hugs to to the kilbride family



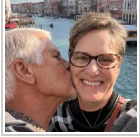
Lana Hoogstraat- Shepherd - July 30, 2025 at 07:38 PM

KG

“ † May he rest in peace 🕊️
Mrs Kilbride, Wishing you comfort peace at this difficult time.

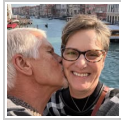


kristy grabow - July 30, 2025 at 06:25 PM



“ Jerry always had a smile and a kind word to share when we would see him. He will be most certainly missed. Much love to the family who were blessed by him.

Teri Costanza Worth - July 30, 2025 at 11:39 AM



Gerry

Teri Costanza Worth - July 30, 2025 at 11:40 AM



He was a wonderful person and a very valuable member of the Kankakee YMCA family!!!

Hany Girgis - July 30, 2025 at 08:16 PM



“ MaryPat (Taylor) Barney lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward "Gerry" Kilbride



MaryPat (Taylor) Barney - July 30, 2025 at 09:49 AM



I grew up at St.Pat's Parish and School. Gerry's mom was one of my teachers! I'm a Taylor from Bonfield! My deepest condolences to the Kilbride Family. 🙏❤️

MaryPat (Taylor) Barney - July 30, 2025 at 09:52 AM

MH

“ Gerry was a great member of Quadrille for many years, and kept fun happening at the dances! My sincere condolences to Judy and the entire family, and may God be with you this weekend and forever after.

Marsha Hill - July 29, 2025 at 08:23 PM

KR

“ Judy and family
Duane and I send our deepest sympathy to all of you at this difficult time.
Kathy Roy

Kathleen Roy - July 29, 2025 at 06:30 PM

TE

“ Tim And Connie Eaker lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward "Gerry" Kilbride



Tim and Connie Eaker - July 29, 2025 at 04:05 PM

JG

“ Joseph Giacchino lit a candle in memory of Gerald Edward "Gerry" Kilbride



Joseph Giacchino - July 29, 2025 at 03:11 PM

JD

“ *Kilbride Family, So sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Jane DeVinney - July 29, 2025 at 02:45 PM

NR

“ *You will always be my favorite uncle and my favorite Chicago Bulls fan. Rest in peace, Uncle Gerry.*

Nancy Ruda - July 29, 2025 at 02:43 PM

GP

“ *Georgia, Demos, & Phillip purchased the Ginkgo Gift Tree for the family of Gerald Edward "Gerry" Kilbride.*



Georgia, Demos, & Phillip - July 29, 2025 at 02:39 PM

MT

“ *A friend for many years and always had a wisecrack, joke or clever comment along with that smile. He will be missed. Hugs and prayers are with the family and may God's peace fill your hearts and fond memories bring smiles.*

John and Mary Thomson



Mary Thomson - July 29, 2025 at 02:11 PM

DB

“ *We're so sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace*

Dennis & Beth Bisailon - July 29, 2025 at 01:32 PM