



Gerald "Jerry" Rivard

January 27, 1935 - March 12, 2021

Gerald B. "Jerry" Rivard, age 86, of Bourbonnais passed away Friday, March 12, 2021 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was born January 27, 1935 in Kankakee, the son of Gerard M. & Marie (Belisle) Rivard. Jerry married Mary Dawn Nicholson in 1964 at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais.

Jerry worked as a Union Carpenter. He was an active member and board member of the Bourbonnais and Kankakee Sportsman Clubs. Jerry was a lifetimer at the Bourbonnais Sportsman's Club. He was an avid gardener, animal lover and a fan of NASCAR and the Chicago White Sox.

Jerry was a veteran of the United States Army.

He was a parishioner of Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Rivard of Bourbonnais; three daughters, Lisa Tollard of Osh Kosh, WI, Linda Rivard (Timothy McCullough) of Donovan, and Sarah Rivard (Robert R. Johnson) of Chicago; three grandchildren, Devin Statler, Chloe Tollard, and Reed Tollard; two great-grandchildren, Liam Statler and Tanner Statler; and two sisters and one brother-in-law, Doris Barta of CA and Carol & Jim Cahill of FL. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Sandra Rivard.

Visitation will be held from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, March 21, 2021 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, March 22, 2021 at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing guidelines. Rev. Jason Nesbit will officiate the mass. Burial will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to his wife, Mary Rivard.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 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

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *He was always fun, one of the best.*

David C Birr - March 21, 2021 at 03:49 PM

RW

“ *Met Jerry in the 80's when he and Cunnings crew came into our Bar "WILKOS" on 5th Avenue what a character he was always in a good mood and fun to be around. I'm certain he will be missed by many. Ron and Sandy Wilkins (WILKOS) may he REST IN PARADISE.*

Ron Wilkins - March 21, 2021 at 08:07 AM

KC

“ *Our sympathies to the family of Jerry Rivard and to Mary, Lisa, Sarah and Linda. Jerry was a lot of fun to be around . RIP Jerry and thank you for your service. The Charbonneau Family*



KARON CHARBONNEAU - March 19, 2021 at 01:32 AM

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“ *The Duby's lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Rivard*



The Duby's - March 18, 2021 at 05:33 PM



“ 69 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - March 18, 2021 at 03:00 PM

KH

“ My condolences to Mary, Lisa, Linda, and Sarah! I was saddened to hear of Jerry's passing. Jerry ALWAYS brought a smile to everyone he met.

I will miss his sense of humor and that "shit eatin' grin"! If he wasn't such a good carpenter, he could have been a comedian! Instead of Seinfeld they could have had "Rivard"!!!!

I will remember him as my Mom's cousin and my Dad's best friend!!!!

It is remarkable how well a White Sox fan and a Cub fan can get along!

I remember the nights on the patio, and Jerry and Dad trading barbs about everything from Ray J. to Minnie Minoso and Ernie Banks.

The days cleaning up the Club after chicken night!

The days hauling things to them as they built someone's house or other side jobs they did together.

The years going to Bears' games and cooking brats in the parking lot!

Unfortunately there were sad times too, like the Tornado.

But the good times far exceeded the bad and Jerry was such a special special person!!

He will truly be missed!!!!! But he can once again be among the many friends he created while on this earth!

All I could think of Sunday, when Illinois won the Big Ten Championship is Jerry and Dad giving high fives in heaven!!!!!

Karl Hildebrand - March 17, 2021 at 04:30 PM