

Gilbert E. Wheeler

June 5, 1933 - September 20, 2011

Visitation for Gilbert E. Wheeler, 78, of Kankakee, will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. Saturday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, until the 9:45 a.m. procession to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee for a 10 a.m. funeral Mass.

Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made for Masses or for the American Cancer Society. He passed away Tuesday (Sept. 20, 2011) at Miller Center.

Mr. Wheeler and his wife owned and operated Adcraft Printers for 50 years, during which time their sons joined them in the business, and are now the current operators. He was born June 5, 1933, in Kankakee, the son of Gilbert H. and Constance St. Germaine Wheeler. He lived his entire life in Kankakee County.

Mr. Wheeler's first priority was always his family. He was a veteran of the Korean conflict, serving on the front line of battle for 13 months. He enjoyed antique automobiles, traveling, golfing and bowling. He was a lifelong parishioner of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and was an active member. He was a member of the American Legion, VFW, a third- and fourth-degree Knight of Columbus, a past president of the St. Rose School PTO, a past 25-year member of the Kankakee County Training Center for the disabled and a

charter member of the Kankakee Valley Vintage Car Club.

Surviving are his wife, the former Anna Marie "Ann" Bertrand, whom he married June 19, 1954; three sons and one daughter-in-law, Scott Wheeler, of Quincy, Dallas and Mary Wheeler, of Kankakee, and Erik Wheeler, of Ashkum; a special son, Greg Lueckenhoff, of Quincy; one daughter, Sherry Ashcraft Scray, of Chicago; 10 grandchildren, Brian (Marissa) Wheeler, of Las Vegas, Nev., Lauren Wheeler, of Bloomington; Houston, Tyler, Kaliegh, Brandi and Stefanie Wheeler, all of Kankakee, and Jimmy, Elizabeth and Stephen Scray, of Chicago; one brother and sister-in-law, Theodore and Lois Wheeler, of Bradley; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Jacqueline and Carson Cross, of Goodrich, Constance Denault, of Rantoul, Barbara and Maynard Denault, and Linda Patterson, all of Kankakee, and Rosemary and Daniel Babinski, of Bradley; two brothers-in-law, Duane Bertrand, of Kankakee, and Vearl Brouillet, of Manteno; two sisters-in-law, Marge Wheeler, of Kankakee, and Mary Turngren, of Bourbonnais; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary; a son, Larry; his parents; a sister, Dorothy Brouillet; and two brothers, David and Richard.

Memorials may be made for Masses or for the American Cancer Society - www.cancer.org/

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

SEP **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Church
486 W. Merchant St.
Kankakee, IL
(815) 933-9391
<http://www.strosekankakee.com/index.htm>

Tribute Wall



“ *Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Gilbert E. Wheeler*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - September 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *We will miss Uncle Gib's constant smile and sense of family. He will be greatly missed by his immediate and extended family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Mike, Chris, Sarah & Philip Brouillet
Jupiter, Florida*

Mike & Chris Brouillet - September 23, 2011 at 04:32 PM

MB

“ *Mike & Chris Brouillet lit a candle in memory of Gilbert E. Wheeler*



Mike & Chris Brouillet - September 23, 2011 at 04:27 PM

Lauren
Wheeler

“ Grandpa, you have been such an inspiration to all of us. Because of you, I am able to define loyalty. You served our country proudly and then devoted yourself to Grandma and our family. I am now able to define love, because you demonstrated it so well. You and Grandma's unwavering love for one another is something we can all learn from. I am better because I have known you. I am proud to have had you in my life for all of these years. Your legacy will live on in all of us, because you have contributed profoundly to who we are. You are missed...you are so missed. I love you. I will never forget you.



Lauren Wheeler - September 23, 2011 at 01:45 PM

CC

“ Carlene Charter lit a candle in memory of Gilbert E. Wheeler



Carlene Charter - September 23, 2011 at 01:05 PM

DC

We meant the Wheeler family probably 30+ years ago with the antique car club. We have enjoyed every time we have been together with them. They are truly great people to everyone they know and he will be greatly missed but just remember God's in control and he has a mission for him and he's in good hands. This family has a lot of memories, never let them disappear. May God bless each of you and give you peace as the days appear without him. It's hard but you can do it. Darlene Charter (and Jerry 5/29/11).

Darlene Charter - September 23, 2011 at 01:15 PM

LT

“ Gib always had a smile and a kind word for me every time I saw him even during this difficult past year. He was such a wonderful man and I am glad to have known him. My deepest sympathy goes out to the Wheeler family.

Lori Turrell - September 22, 2011 at 04:04 PM

JT

“ Gilbert was a good neighbor on Van Meter Street and fellow member of the Kankakee Antique Auto Club.

Janet & Viator Trudeau

Janet & Viator Trudeau - September 22, 2011 at 02:28 PM

BM

“ Bryan & Tracy Menard lit a candle in memory of Gilbert E. Wheeler



Bryan & Tracy Menard - September 22, 2011 at 12:55 PM

CW

“ Christopher Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Gilbert E. Wheeler



Christopher Wilcox - September 22, 2011 at 12:11 PM

MH

“ *Marsha And Lee Hill lit a candle in memory of Gilbert E. Wheeler*



Marsha and Lee Hill - September 22, 2011 at 09:50 AM

MH

Our heartfelt sympathy to our neighbors and friends in business for over 40 years. He was a fine example of a family man, and a community supporter.

Marsha Hill and Lee Hill - September 22, 2011 at 09:54 AM

WD

“ *Wendy And Dean Dyer lit a candle in memory of Gilbert E. Wheeler*



Wendy and Dean Dyer - September 21, 2011 at 11:55 PM

KW

“ *He was the greatest man I've ever known. He would sacrifice anything to help another. He was so amazing. He loved my grandma with all he had. He was her other half. They were soul mates. I miss him so much... but I can thank God now that he's not suffering anymore.. I just pray he's up in heaven, happy as can be, playing golf on the best golf course possible.. I love you and I'll always miss you grandpa ? Gone, but never forgotten.. 9/20/11.*


Kaliegh Wheeler - September 21, 2011 at 10:10 PM

BW

“ i love you grandpa. you will be greatly missed. you put up a long hard battle and you're the strongest man i know. i will see you again someday. until then, i know i have an angel watching over me <3



Brandi Wheeler - September 21, 2011 at 10:03 PM

 Houston Wheeler

“ Houston Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Gilbert E. Wheeler



Houston Wheeler - September 21, 2011 at 09:59 PM

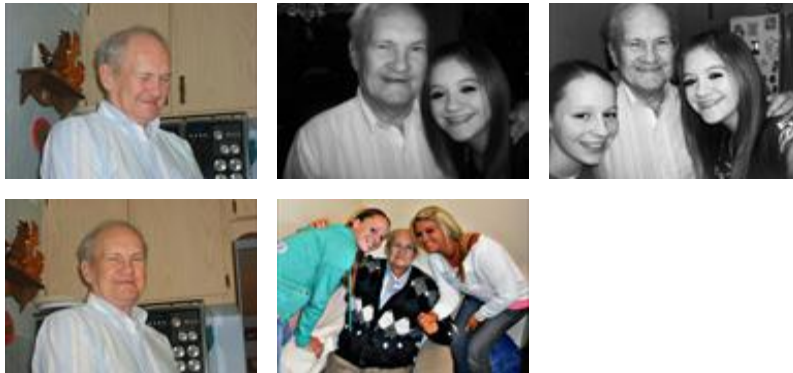
 Houston Wheeler

I'll miss you grandpa

Houston Wheeler - September 21, 2011 at 10:00 PM

BW

“ 29 files added to the album Grandpa <3



Brandi Wheeler - September 21, 2011 at 09:49 PM

CM

“ *Corinn Micheletti lit a candle in memory of Gilbert E. Wheeler*



Corinn Micheletti - September 21, 2011 at 09:29 PM

CM

It was an honor to have known him for the short time I did. He made a big impression on me. I will never forget him and enjoy seeing him in his family..

Corinn Micheletti - September 21, 2011 at 09:31 PM

JP

“ *Jennifer Patterson lit a candle in memory of Gilbert E. Wheeler*



jennifer patterson - September 21, 2011 at 08:53 PM

WB

“ *Wendy Brinkman lit a candle in memory of Gilbert E. Wheeler*



Wendy Brinkman - September 21, 2011 at 06:36 PM