



Gordon Bear

November 5, 1934 - January 15, 2024

Gordon Bear, age 89, of Bradley passed away Monday, January 15, 2024, at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was born November 5, 1934, in St. Anne, the son of Floyd M. & Violet (Scott) Bear. Gordon married Marilyn Benjamin on September 2, 1955, at Central Christian Church. She preceded him in death in 2014.

Gordon retired from Exide Battery, formerly GNB. He was a member of the Bradley Moose and Central Christian Church. An avid New York Yankees fan, he enjoyed fishing and traveling.

Gordon was a veteran of the United States Army, having served as Military Police from 1957-1959.

Surviving are two brothers, Les M. Bear of Des Moines, WA, and Verne D. Bear of Marshall; four nieces, Becky Bear, Karyn Maclean, Monica (Steve) Klocko, and Tammy (Bart) Tibbs; one nephew, Kyle (Ellen) Bear; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. In addition to his wife, Marilyn Bear, Gordon was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters-in-law, Doris Bear and L. Marilyn Bear.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until the time of the 1 p.m. memorial service on Monday, January 22, 2024 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Inurnment will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township.

Memorials may be made to the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight or K9's for Warriors.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Tribute Wall

CC

“ Thxs for taking me fishing gordon,you were like a big brother to me .I miss you very much.wv went catfish fishing with doh bate,and grasshoppers.gid bless Catherine m crunk. 🙏❤️😊



Catherine m crunk - September 13, 2025 at 04:12 AM

GO

“ Gary Overright lit a candle in memory of Gordon Bear



Gary Overright - January 22, 2024 at 06:54 PM

TL

“ Gordon, a friend to all that worked with him at GNB/Exide. I met him at Gould when I started there in 1963 and always enjoyed working with him. A great guy. My Condolences to his family on their loss.



Ted Lease - January 22, 2024 at 01:06 PM

JB

Totally agree Ted, we would see him every day when he worked for Ed Wick across the aisle in commercial assembly. He sponsored my Moose membership and after he took those dance lessons you couldn't keep him off the dance floor on the weekends.

jerry bjick - January 23, 2024 at 11:11 AM

TM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Tammy Munyon - January 22, 2024 at 11:13 AM

TM

“ Gordon and Marilyn Bear are two of the most loving people we have known! We will forever be grateful for the love our families shared. To share memories would be like writing a novel, so we will refrain. Gordon has finished his race. He crossed the finish line into the arms of Jesus and his beautiful bride Marilyn. We can only imagine that reunion! Looking forward to sharing chicken wings with you again! We love you!
Bud & Tammy Munyon Family

Tammy Munyon - January 22, 2024 at 10:58 AM

MR

“ My deepest sympathy to Mr. Gordon Bear family. I know Mr and Mrs bear for a very long time I work at the Miller Center my heart is so broken over losing my friend he was a great person I'm definitely going to miss him dearly.



Mrs. Vent - January 21, 2024 at 04:03 PM

CC

Thank you for being there for me like a father,when mine went to heaven.i love you gordon ❤️ love Catherine crunk

Catherine Crunk - January 24, 2024 at 01:00 AM

CC

My fishing buddy my neighbor. ❤️🙏🏻

Catherine Crunk - January 24, 2024 at 01:02 AM

LO

“ *Lesley Osback lit a candle in memory of Gordon Bear*



Lesley Osback - January 20, 2024 at 03:58 PM

JE

“ *Our deepest sympathies to Gordon’s family. We will truly miss him at Riverside he was our family.*



Jen - January 18, 2024 at 04:05 PM

TA

He loved each and every one of you. Thank you for everything you did for him. ❤️

Tammy - January 18, 2024 at 06:35 PM

MC

Gordon was a great person. I always enjoyed visiting with him at Miller Center. He will be missed a lot. So very sorry.

Mary Clark - January 19, 2024 at 06:39 PM

JJ

*Gordon was a dear friend and neighbor dating back to Winfield Ave in the 1950s. Always lots of fun! So glad we were able to visit a few months ago when I visited Miller. My sympathy and prayers to his family,
Judy {Cox} Johnston*

Judith M Johnston - January 19, 2024 at 08:10 PM