



Grant Chessman III

June 7, 1927 - March 7, 2009

Grant Ellis Chessman III, 81, of Kankakee, died Saturday (March 7, 2009) at Miller Center. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Cremation rites will be accorded following the service. Inurnment will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. Memorials may be made to Cornerstone Church, where he was a member. Mr. Chessman was an accountant at R.R. Donnelley and Sons Co. in Chicago for 35 years. He was born June 7, 1927, in Chicago, the son of Grant E. II and Patra Naomi Smith Chessman. He was a 1945 graduate of Fenger High School and a graduate of Indiana University. He was a member of Cornerstone (RCA) Church and a former member of St. Andrew's Church in Tinley Park, where he was a church vestry for 40 years, president of the pre-school board, Sunday school board and Christian officer board, and a deacon at the Presbyterian Church of Roseland. He was a Republican precinct captain. He was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard. He was a Scout leader, Sunday school teacher, Teen Club adviser, president of the Couples Club and Camping Club. He enjoyed dancing and gardening. Surviving are his wife, the former Frances Joan Dillman, whom he married May 5, 1951, at the Presbyterian Church of Roseland in Chicago; one son, Grant E. Chessman IV of Orland Park; four daughters and sons-in-law, Donna S. and Paul F. Dawson of Tinley Park, Janet P. and Bruce F. Strysik of Bourbonnais, Amy Lynn and James Andricopulos, Joan E. and Joseph Arrigoni of Orland Hills; 11

grandchildren, Grant Chessman and Kimberly Severns, Matthew and Rachel Stryzik, Sophia, Patra and Leah Andricopulos, Luke, Nathan, Marissa and Caleb Arrigoni; one sister, Patricia Bergstrom of Arizona; and two brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Willis and Perdita Dillman of Naperville, Ronald and Margurite Dillman of Munster, Ind. He is preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Ceila Chessman.

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“ Mr. Chessman was one of those almost invisible men who did not require attention or reaction. I remember him being around, never looming, but there in the background, available when needed. We shared few words - it just wasn't necessary. He was a quiet comfort to me during my stressful youth. I know he will be greatly missed by all.

Love and thoughts,

Laura (Bauer) Tveras###imported-begin###Laura Tveras###imported-end###

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“ I miss you Daddy. You will remain in my heart as you always have been###imported-begin###Janet Strysik###imported-end###

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“ Grant was a life long friend###imported-begin###Dave & Barb Hoenke###imported-end###

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“ To Amy and Jim, my deepest condolences to you and your family. I know that Mr Chessman will be missed dearly but I'm sure he will always be with you and would want you to continue living by the example he set.##imported-begin##Andy Hopson##imported-end##

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