



Howard Austin

May 1, 1927 - February 27, 2014

Howard E. Austin, 86, of Bonfield, passed away Thursday (Feb. 27, 2014) at the Joliet Community Hospice Center. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. Saturday until the noon funeral service at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. Pastor Thomas Logsdon will officiate. Burial will be in Bonfield Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Joliet Community Hospice.

Mr. Austin was the second generation working on the railroad for Illinois Central Railroad. He was born May 1, 1927, in Aroma Park, the son of Earl and Bertha Sybert Austin. His wife, the former Katherine Ingram, whom he married Aug. 16, 1947, in Watseka, passed away in March 1997. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He loved his dog, Shorty.

Surviving are two sons, Dan (Carol) Austin, of Custer Park, Gary (Mary) Austin, of Cullom; three daughters, Cindy Chaffe, of Minooka and Rick Chaffe, of Missouri, Brenda (Bill) Welsh, and Lori Austin, both of Wilmington; 11 grandchildren, Darrin Austin, Jody Austin Johnson, Blake Austin, Craig and Kyle Austin, Joe Rinehart, Mason Chaffe, Megan Hurley, Jessica Chaffe, Chad Bumpous and Zachary Austin; and one great-grandchild, Landon Rinehart.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and three sisters, Myrtle Lippold, Lavonne Riddle and Laura Bell Raymond.

Memorials may be made to Joliet Community Hospice - www.joliethospice.org

Cemetery Details

Bonfield Cemetery

Bonfield, IL 60913

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAR 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Howard Austin*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - February 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Hello. You don't know me but Howard and I grew up together. I am Ruth Austin Trusheim, oldest daughter of George and Pearl Austin. I remember many a time spending the night at your grandparents home. They lived on Grandpa Pops farm near Ritchie. Our family lived on our family farm near Wilmington. Many a time I have thought that we ought to get together sometime and regretfully not it is too late. I was married in 1955 to an Iowa native and have lived in Iowa ever since. In Oct. of this past year we sold our home and moved to a retirement center in independent living. It is only two years old so it is very nice and we really like it here. I do send you my thoughts in the loss of your Dad and Grandpa. I know he will be missed.*

Sincerely, Ruth

Ruth Trusheim - March 02, 2014 at 07:32 PM

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“ *Lori Austin lit a candle in memory of Howard Austin*



Lori Austin - March 01, 2014 at 10:13 PM

 Cindy Chaffee

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Cindy Chaffee - March 01, 2014 at 10:00 PM

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