



## James V. Corsaro Jr.

January 17, 1940 - January 24, 2018

James V. Corsaro Jr., age 78, of Kankakee passed away Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

James was born January 17, 1940 in Kankakee, the son of James V. Sr. & Mae Dodd Corsaro.

He married Ordene "Dene" Blanchette on January 21, 1961 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kankakee. She preceded him in death on June 3, 2004.

His passion was racing; from watching to building racecars. He was a pit steward at Kankakee and LaSalle Speedways. He also worked with the O'Connor family at the Kokomo Speedway.

James was a parishioner of Maternity BVM Catholic Church.

He retired from Northern Illinois Gas.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Bob & Bernadette Corsaro of Kankakee and Tim & Sydni Corsaro of Bourbonnais; two grandchildren, Amber & Keith Ehmen and Jacob Lohiser; two great-grandchildren, Addison Plumley and Mason Bays; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Nancy & Paul Cyr of Bradley and Beth Ann Pierce of Richton Park; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Albert "Rusty" & Jackie Corsaro of Joliet and Jerry & Kathy Corsaro of Richton Park; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife, he is preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Tammy Corsaro; and one sister, Theresa Ward.

Visitation will be held 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 29, 2018 at Maternity BVM Catholic Church. Rev. Jason Nesbit will celebrate the Mass. Interment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 28.** 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Mass

**JAN 29.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

SO

“ We have known Jimmy for more than 40 years. Jimmy raced with the Oconnor team for many years. The stories we have are many ... all fun and good. I would often wonder how anyone could be so happy all the time, but he made everyone around him happy. He never knew a stranger. We will miss him deeply, but whenever we feel sad we will remember the fun times, and with Jimmy they were fun times.

*God Bless... Rest in Peace*

*Jim & Sharon Oconnor*

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**sharon oconnor** - January 28, 2018 at 10:15 PM

GD

“ Where do I start? I met Jim when I started East Junior High school. Jim and his family lived right across from Kankakee High school. We soon became fast friends. His parents Jim and May welcomed me into their home. As I lived five miles out of town I stayed with them often. You could say they were my second family. Jim and I did a lot of things together including drinking a lot of beer and getting sick together. He was my best man when I got married and I was his when he married Ordene Blanchett. The four of us did everything together and then Tim Bob and Tammy came along. My daughters and their kids all played together. Jim would do anything for any one. The thing I regret the most is when we moved to Seattle and we didn't keep in touch that much but I stilled loved the guy like a brother. Rest In Peace my brother.

*Dick Daniel*

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**glenda Daniel** - January 28, 2018 at 01:24 PM

Loretta  
Nolte  
Eich

“ *My Godfather, Uncle Jimmy will be missed in this family. His stories will live on forever. I am sure St. Peter is getting an earful.*



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**Loretta Nolte Eich** - January 27, 2018 at 10:03 PM

VD

“ *Tim Bob and all Jimmy's family. you have all my sympathy prayers and love today and always. Jimmy my friend you will be missed. R.I.P.*



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**Virginia R Dominick** - January 27, 2018 at 09:17 AM

SB

“ *Tim and Bob, bless you and your families during this time of great loss. We will continue to pray for all of you. He certainly was a great man who touched the lives of so many. God Bless!*

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**Sarah Breeden** - January 27, 2018 at 08:34 AM

JM

“ *I really miss working with Jimmy at Kankakee when we were there with the Izzos Jimmy really loved his racing The world is a better place because of Jimmy having been here.*

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**Jim Magill** - January 26, 2018 at 11:25 PM

CD

“ *This is someone who touched a lot of hearts. Have missed seeing him at the race track. He loved yelling at the racers as much as he loved watching them. RIP Jimmie.*

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**Chuck & Nancy Dixon** - January 26, 2018 at 10:29 PM

MK

“ *Uncle Jimmy we will miss your crazy stories! I remember as a kid you stopping by and eating your lunch at our house and always sharing your stories.*



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**myrna king** - January 26, 2018 at 07:33 PM