



James LeClaire

July 18, 1946 - May 9, 2009

Memorial visitation for James Francis LeClaire, 62, of Bourbonnais, will be held from 9:30 a.m. Thursday until the 10:30 a.m. celebration of the memorial Mass at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Kankakee. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family. He died Saturday (May 9, 2009) at his home. Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, is in charge of arrangements. Mr. LeClaire was the third generation at J.L. LeClaire & Sons Insurance Agency, where he had worked for the past 46 years. He was born July 18, 1946, in Kankakee, the son of Maurice and Irene Halpin LeClaire. He enjoyed remodeling campers and spending time with his grandsons. Surviving are his wife, the former Pamela Powell, of Bourbonnais, whom he married Jan. 31, 1970, in St. George; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Debbie LeClaire of Bradley, Jeff and Heather LeClaire of Bourbonnais; two grandsons, Hunter LeClaire and Ian LeClaire, both of Bourbonnais; two stepgrandchildren, Brandon Milstead and Brooke Milstead, both of Braidwood; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Rita and Larry Walsh of St. George, Theresa and Gerald Reilly of Chicago, Kelly LeClaire of Oregon; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, James and Peggy Bradley of Manhattan, Pat and Vickey Bennett of Martinton, Harry and Lois Powell of Kankakee, Tim Powell of Florida, and John Lusk, Dan Powell, and Kathi Nutting, all of Momence; mother-in-law, Edna Powell of Momence; and several nieces and nephews. Deceased are his parents; one brother, Maurice LeClaire Jr.; and one sister-in-law, Nancy Lusk.

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“ I was sorry to hear of James passing. ĩ½We went through High School together. ĩ½We haven't been in touch for a long time but I will never forget him. ĩ½May the memories that you have of James bring you comfort during this time.##imported-begin##John & Carol Papineau##imported-end##

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“ My sincere Sympathy goes out to the LeClaire family in the loss of your dear husband Jim. ĩ½I was never able to meet Jim or Pam in person, but became friends over the phone with Pam. ĩ½It was an unusual reunion. ĩ½After my mother passed away in Dec. 08, I discovered that Pam and my mother were very dear friends. ĩ½My mother thought the world of Pam. ĩ½I also discovered that Pam and I had gone to school together at Lincoln-Way High School in our Fresh/Soph. years.

Pam, I am so sorry that my mother could not be with you at this sad time in our life. ĩ½I send you her love. ĩ½

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“ I will always remember James as the "Diet Coke No Ice" man.
½He was so loving and caring to everyone he met. ½My heart goes out to the family in their time of loss. ½I will always remember all the good times that he had with telling stories of having fun with the grandkids and family. ½He was a super man and will greatly be missed.##imported-begin##Amy Granger##imported-end##

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“ Michael and I extend our deepest sympathy to Pam and family. We know the last few months have been very trying and you all are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Michael and Cheri Benoit##imported-end##

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