



James Marnell

February 13, 1913 - July 16, 2005

James Marnell -- Kankakee James P. Marnell, 92, of Kankakee, died Saturday (July 16, 2005) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, following a short illness. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, West Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee. Rev. Charles Wheeler will officiate. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Kankakee Fire Department. Mr. Marnell was born Feb. 13, 1913, in Chicago Heights, the son of Peter and Mary Dagnello Marnell. His wife, the former Marie Borgialli, whom he married June 25, 1938, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, died in January 1987. He attended Steuben Grade School and Kankakee High School, where he was in the first class to enter the new high school, and graduated in 1931. He worked at Bear Brand Hosiery until 1935, when he entered the fire department in Kankakee, one of 13 new firemen. He was promoted to driver and operator in 1941, captain in 1945 and appointed chief in 1953, where he remained until his retirement in 1961. His greatest memory of those years was the great flood of 1957. He was active in all community offices, serving as president of the Kankakee Valley Fireman's Association for eight years; and was a member of the Retired International Fire Fighters Association, where he had the distinction of being the oldest retired fire chief in the Association. He was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus, a member of the Moose Lodge, the Kankakee County Seniors, St. Rose of Lima Church and its Holy Name Society and a former member of the

Elks and Elks Country Club, He was a sports fan, especially of the Cubs and Bears, and was a season ticket holder for all Bears games for over 40 years. He enjoyed fishing in his daughter's pond. Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Norman Brosseau, and Cheryl and Duane Winn, all of Onarga; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. One granddaughter, Teresa Ann Winn; and two sisters, Rose Provancal and Louise Stevens, are deceased.

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“ IF ALL OF KFD'S FIREFIGHTERS COULD HAVE AS GOOD OF A LIFE AS CHIEF MARNELL'S THEY WOULD HAVE MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR.

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“ Grandpa,

It is an honor to be a part of the family that you created. Thank you for opening your arms and your heart to me and for treating me as if I were truly one of your grandchildren. To me, you were my grandpa and I will miss you so much. My kids adored you and Connor, since he was older, had an even closer bond with you. He misses you already. You put the "Great" in Great Grandpa. David and I were saying how wonderful it was that you got to meet all of your great grandchildren and that you made an impact on each and every one of them. I wish you could have seen it, but David made a tribute to your wonderful life on DVD. It's a shame we didn't think to do something like this earlier. I think you would have enjoyed it. It really helped us through the grieving process, but there's a long road ahead of us. David and I find it so hard to believe you have passed on. You have been a staple at every family gathering and holiday. What will we do without you? It won't be the same without you. I hope your passing helps to strengthen the family bond rather than weaken it. You would have loved your viewing service and the funeral. The Fire Department did a wonderful tribute to you. My family will never forget it. It was also nice that all of the cousins were together for the first time in a long time. The kids really seemed to have a good time. It was a sad time, and yet a very happy time all at once. You have been an inspiration to our family in how you lived your life and the paths you have chosen. You will not be forgotten. We love and miss you. Please keep your promise that you made to me in the hospital. I'm counting on it. Love, David, Merrily, Connor and Meredith Winn
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