



James Strand

October 6, 1919 - August 11, 2005

James M. Strand, 85, of Bourbonnais, died Thursday (Aug. 11, 2005) at his home. Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais, and from 10 a.m. Monday at Maternity BVM Catholic Church, until the 11 a.m. services. Rev. Richard Pighini will officiate. Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or to Catholic Charities. Mr. Strand was the retired founder and employee of Strandco, where he served as vice president. He had worked 10 years in radio announcing. He was born Oct. 6, 1919, in Galena, the son of David and Jessie Nash Strand. He was a member of Maternity BVM Catholic Church, where he was a lector and homebound minister (Minister of Care). He was a former Eucharistic minister. He was a member of the Audubon Society. He enjoyed fishing, birdwatching, gardening, hiking and camping. Surviving are his wife, the former Eleanor Skolaski, whom he married Nov. 23, 1944, in Madison, Wis.; one son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Shirley Strand of Bourbonnais; two daughters and sons-in-law, Treva and James McPhedran of Peru, Karla and Simon Jurdak of Tampa, Fla.; one brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Wilma Strand of Bourbonnais; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

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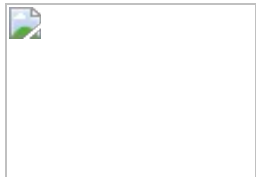
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My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Chris Scivally##imported-end##

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“ Jim touched my life in a very special way. i ½His faith and his ability to share that faith so openly with others has given me courage and hope. i ½He was never without a kind word to share with anyone he met. i ½His legacy lives on through his children, grandchildren and the many,many people who loved him.

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“ I only met Jim once after a long history of listening to him at church. For years my two children called him the guy that sounded just like Walter Cronkite. We had just returned from Epcot and Spaceship Earth where they had heard that voice. From that moment on we always looked for the masses he would read at as we were so captivated by his voice. The world has lost a fine reader and person when he passed. May he be lifted up on eagles wings and soar with the angles forever. Thanks for all the years of listening to that golden voice.##imported-begin##Jeff P & Mary Jo Smith Sr##imported-end##

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