



John Byrne

September 20, 1918 - February 20, 2009

Visitation for John T. Byrne, 90, of Kankakee, will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Teresa Catholic Church, where he was a member. The Rev. Marty Gleeson will officiate. Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, the Dominican Friars-Province of St. Martin DePorres or to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. He died Friday (Feb. 20, 2009) at Riverside Medical Center, after a short illness. Mr. Byrne was a retired pipefitter for Union Local 422, where he was a 60-year member. He was born Sept. 20, 1918, in Kankakee, the son of John T. and Julia Neary Byrne. His first wife, the former Dorothy Martin, whom he married Feb. 15, 1941, died July 4, 1990. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving in the Seabees. He was a member of the Moose, the Elks, the Kankakee VFW, and a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He was named Elk of the Year in 1989. He enjoyed golfing and volunteering. He was a volunteer for hospice, the ALIVE program; and Provena St. Mary's Hospital. He also helped people get their GEDs. Surviving are his wife, the former Therese Gleeson, whom he married Aug. 13, 1994; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Daniel Byrne and life partner, Tom Morton of Princeton, Texas, Dr. Thomas and Tina Byrne of Deming, N.M., Scott and Karla Byrne of Bourbonnais; three daughters and sons-in-law, Paula and Ed Cooley of Collierville, Tenn., Linda and Larry Hildebrand of Bourbonnais, Rebecca and Randy Robinson of Lafayette, Colo.;

three stepsons and two stepdaughters-in-law, Dr. James P. and Linda Gleeson of Lake Villa, the Rev. Marty Gleeson O.P. of New Orleans, Tom and Lynne Gleeson of Centreville, Va.; two stepdaughters and stepsons-in-law, Mary and David Causer of Kankakee, Therese and Craig Cardosi of St. Anne; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren and eight stepgreat-grandchildren. Deceased are four sisters, one brother and one stepgranddaughter.

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“ We send our deepest condolences to John's family. Nick has fond memories of John from the barber shop. He was such a great man. Man you find comfort in the happy memories he leaves.

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“ My deepest sympathy to the family of John Byrne. I have many good memories of John, from the days of working with him as an apprentice at the State Hospital. He taught me a lot about the trade. Dallas Ferris ##imported-begin##Dallas and Joyce Ferris##imported-end##

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“ Grandma Gleeson, we genuinely wish we could have been there with you and the rest of the families as they lay John to rest. He overcame many challenges during the last few years of his life and was blessed to have such a loving, caring, and devoted wife. Please know that our thoughts, prayers and sympathies are with you and all of John's children and their families today. Sickness may have prevented us from being there in person, but remember, we are always with you in spirit. All our love, now and always, Lynne, Tom and Scott

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“ My condolences to both the Byrne and Gleeson families. My history is many years ago with the Gleeson's. I was hoping this message would get forwarded to Marty. Marty, if you are in town for a few extra days perhaps we can get together for a while to catch up. Keep in mind that this year is our 40th class reunion. How time flies. Bill Ruder 815 468-3287 or 708 285-3332

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“ My sincerest sympathy to all of you. I loved the picture of your dad that they used. It showed that twinkle in his eye. That he got the joke, even if you didn't get it. He will be applauded when he gets to heaven and welcomed with loving arms of the Lord. I have great happy memories of your family, your house and all the activities. Again, my deepest prayers for all of you.

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“ You will be missed by family and friends##imported-begin##Rick Bailey##imported-end##

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“ Dear family,

 I have enjoyed knowing John for many years. He was an exemplary human being and I'm sure that he was a fine role model for you, Todd, as you grew up.

 Therese, I have been where you are now going and it's a long road back to feeling that we fit in the alien world that losing a spouse puts us in. We can take solace in the knowledge that we have our own guardian angel watching over us and that we will be reunited in time.

 So sorry for your loss!

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“ Larry & Linda Hildebrand

Scott & Karla Byrne

Sending you our deepest sympathies to you and your families.

Our prayers will be with you all.

God Bless

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