



## John James Ciaccio

March 16, 1933 - June 2, 2025

John James Ciaccio, 92, of Cookeville, Tennessee, passed away Monday, June 2, 2025, at Overton County Health and Rehab Center.

John was born on March 16, 1933, in Kankakee, Illinois, to the late Joseph Ciaccio, Sr. and Rose Peri Ciaccio.

He served in the United States Army from 1953 – 1955. He was a senior tool and dye engineer at Roper Corporation, a division of General Electric, in Kankakee, Illinois, and later in Lafayette, Georgia, where he retired in 2001. John and his wife, Jimmie Mae Ciaccio, moved to Cookeville in 2001. He was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. John's favorite pastime was fishing.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his son, Jerry Ciaccio; one sister, Sister Josephine; and five brothers, Anthony, Sam, Leo, Joseph, Jr. and Dominic Ciaccio.

John is survived by his wife of 34 years, Jimmie Mae Randolph Ciaccio; three children, Siena (Bruce) Kolb of Bozeman, Montana, Thomas Ciaccio of Kankakee, and Patricia (Gary) Langevin of Bourbonnais; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. John is survived by a brother and two sisters-in-law, Francis (Sandy) Ciaccio of Kankakee and Barbara Ciaccio of

Bourbonnais. He is also survived by three stepchildren: Sherry Gabelman (Cliff Keur) and Parker (Debra) Boles of Cookeville, Tennessee, and Randy (Leah) Boles of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. John loved and was deeply loved by his family.

A memorial visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until the time of the 1 p.m. memorial service on Friday, June 20, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Inurnment will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to St. Rose Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUN 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
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# Tribute Wall

RS

“ Dear Johnny~  
You are excited to hear my voice on Feb 16th and i am excited to hear your voice on March 16th~ our birthdays. Till we meet again!  
Your forever sister in law! Barbara Ciaccio

Rosanne Stuckmaier - June 25, 2025 at 11:01 AM

CB

“ Siena so sorry to read of your Dad's passing. My sympathy to all of your family. Prayers for peace and comfort. Love Cindy Bossinger

Cindy Bossinger - June 17, 2025 at 11:04 AM

KC

“ Katie Chigaros lit a candle in memory of John James Ciaccio



Katie Chigaros - June 17, 2025 at 10:59 AM

TC

“ Sympathy extended to The Family and Friends .  
A prominent member of Kankakee's " White City " Ciaccios has passed.  
RIP

The Bucks of White City - June 17, 2025 at 09:33 AM

SK

“ *In Loving Memory of John Ciaccio*

*A father, a grandfather, a friend, and a man whose love of life touched everyone he met Dad left a lasting legacy of adventure, laughter, and love. He lived each day with a joy that was contagious, and his passion for living was evident in the way he approached every moment. Whether he was spending time with family or fishing, he brought his whole heart to everything. One of the most cherished memories we hold of him is the life-changing vacation where he introduced his three grandsons to deep-sea fishing. It was more than just a day on the water—it was a rite of passage, an unforgettable adventure that connected generations in a shared experience of discovery, patience, and the thrill of the catch. For those of us lucky enough to witness it, that day is forever etched in our hearts.*

*And after a day of casting lines and reeling in fish, we ended with a meal at Hooters—because, of course, it wouldn't be a day with Dad without some good food and a lot of laughs. It was simple, but it was perfect.*

*My dad taught us all to appreciate the little moments, to find joy in the unexpected, and to never take life too seriously. He had a way of making the ordinary feel extraordinary, and through him, we learned the importance of family, adventure, and humor.*

*Though he may no longer be with us, his spirit lives on in the stories we tell, the lessons he taught, and the love he gave so freely. We are forever grateful for the time we shared and the memories we carry with us.*

*"What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us."*

*— Helen Keller*

*We will always carry you with us, Dad. Your legacy will live on through each of us, and in the laughter, love, and adventures that continue.*

*Love Siena, Brad, Ryan, Drew and Bruce Kolb*

AC

*Uncle Johnnie ( Giovanni) RIP .... Until the rest of us come to join you at the resurrection! Hope there's some good fishing on the other side...*

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**Amy Ciaccio-Jarvis** - June 17, 2025 at 09:41 AM

HJ

“ *My deepest condolences to all the Ciaccio's. Great Man, Great Father with a big heart.*

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**Hugh Janda** - June 16, 2025 at 10:54 AM