



John Kennedy

September 12, 1923 - May 19, 2009

John M. Kennedy, 85, of Bourbonnais, died Tuesday (May 19, 2009) at his home. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Maternity BVM Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. The Rev. Richard Pighini will officiate. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or Maternity BVM Catholic Church, where he was a member. Mr. Kennedy was a schoolteacher all his life. He was born Sept. 12, 1923, in Lewistown, the son of John and Katherine Berry Kennedy. He coached basketball and baseball in Cahokia. He was past president of the Kankakee Federation of Teachers and a member of the American Federation of Teachers. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the European Theatre and was a member of the Bourbonnais VFW. He was a graduate of St. Ambrose College in 1950 and received a master's degree from the University of Illinois in 1956. He was an avid sports fan, especially of Notre Dame football and New York Yankees baseball. Surviving are his wife, the former Eleanor Sharp, whom he married Nov. 24, 1948, in Davenport, Iowa; four sons and two daughters-in-law, John P. Kennedy of Lexington, Ky., Mike Kennedy, and Timothy F. and Jill Kennedy, all of Bourbonnais, and Kevin M. and Lori Kennedy of Joliet; six grandchildren, Sarah, Jenna, John, Andrew and Robert Kennedy, and Brandie Myers; two great-grandchildren, Madison and Jack Myers; one brother-in-law, Harold Sharp of Bella Vista, Ark.; and one sister-in-law, Doris Sharp of New London,

Iowa. Deceased are his parents and one brother, Patrick Kennedy.

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Norvell Thomas##imported-end##

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“ Thank you, Mr. Kennedy for all that you did for the Kankakee Federation of Teachers. ¶½You forged a path that made my job easier. ¶½Your contributions will be remembered for many years to come. ¶½I will continue to tell future generations of your committment, accomplishments, and dedication. ¶½God Bless. ¶½##imported-begin##Susan Siedentop##imported-end##

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“ We both taught with John at Westview and he was one of my daughter's teachers. He was always a gentleman and always eager to promote the team of teachers. He will be missed by all who knew him.

May God hold you in His loving arms and dispell your grief with memories of the man you loved.##imported-begin##John & Mary Thomson##imported-end##

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“ Mr. Kennedy was one of the finest teachers I had in high school. I had him for U.S. History in the summer before my Jr Year.. He made hx fun.. and I almost became a Hx teacher.. but went a different path.. What was so fun was when I was in college.. I had a summer school course in secondard meth of ed.. And I got to teacher in Mr. Kennedy's summer school Hx class at Westview.. and had several students.. who I had summer History with their brothers years before..##imported-begin##Michael Barnett##imported-end##

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“ We are very sorry to hear of John's passing. Our thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Scott and Mary Seaton Family##imported-end##

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“ The Westview High School Class of 1975 would like to extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. Kennedy.

Mr. Kennedy was a highly admired educator by his students and fellow teachers. We are very grateful for all i;½his years of service to the community and for his love of his job and his students and his dedication to excellence. He will be sadly missed but always held in the highest regard in our fondest memories -##imported-begin##Westview Class of 1975##imported-end##

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“ Patrica and I are saddened to hear of your loss. We remember those years when we were neighbors on Summit Ave in Sunny side##imported-begin##Jean & Patrica Morrison##imported-end##

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“ Tim and Jill, our sympathy goes out to you and your families in this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Mick and Ruth Puffer##imported-end##

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“ Kennedy Family-

Marty, Liam and I are very sorry for your loss...Grandpa Kennedy was differently another grandfather figure in my life and it saddens me that he has passed. ĩ½I so glad to have been very close to the family. ĩ½We pretty much grow up over at thier house. ĩ½Your family will always be in my thoughts and preyers and I wish we lived closer that way our children could get to know the Kennedy family like I new them...Very Loving, Caring, Thoughtful, and I know my family will miss them dearly. ĩ½Thank you for being such great neighbors when we were kids and we love you guys dearly.

##imported-begin##Amie Heitz-Smith##imported-end##

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