



Johnny "John" P Clevenger

April 15, 1959 - October 9, 2022

Johnny P. "John" Clevenger, age 63 of Kankakee passed away Sunday, October 9, 2022, at Loyola Medical Center, Maywood. He was born April 15, 1959, in Kankakee, the son of James "Jack" and Betty Mae (Chinski) Clevenger. John married Connie Ann Keller on July 15, 1989, in Bradley. Connie preceded him in death on June 18, 2020.

John was a mechanic for thirty years at the Ford dealership in Manteno and then Midas in Bourbonnais. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, working on cars, and spending time with his grandchildren.

John was a veteran of the United States Army.

Surviving are two sons, Drew Clevenger of Princeton, IN and John Clevenger; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Judy Burkhard of Bourbonnais, Roxanne (Robert) Aldridge of Bourbonnais; three grandchildren, Amanda, Paige and Ian Clevenger and one great grandchild, Elizabeth Cahan.

John is preceded in death by his wife, Connie; his parents; one daughter, Angela Clevenger; one sister, Alice Clevenger; two brothers, James Clevenger Jr., and Charles Clevenger; and one brother-in-law, Barry Burkhard.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Homes, Kankakee.

Interment will follow at Mount Airy Cemetery, Momence.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Arrangements are by Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Homes, Kankakee.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Airy Cemetery

Momence, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ I'm so sorry to hear the news of John passing. My husband worked with John for a short time at Midas. Connie & John were very kind people who loved their family. They'd always talk about what the kids and grandkids were doing. My favorite memory was a picture Connie sent me of John in the kitchen. He was standing by the stove cooking chili and his pants had fallen down. He was so preoccupied that he didn't notice. Rest in peace John, give Connie a hug from me.

Caroline Johnson Cozzi - October 15, 2022 at 07:15 PM

KM

“ Kristy Mullibs lit a candle in memory of Johnny "John" P Clevenger



Kristy Mullibs - October 13, 2022 at 07:14 PM

DK

“ Darcy & Donn Kane lit a candle in memory of Johnny "John" P Clevenger



Darcy & Donn Kane - October 13, 2022 at 09:23 AM

MK

“ John married into our family when he married my cousin Connie Keller, and we accepted him right in! He loved my cousin unconditionally. He was a Christian and I know he has now been reunited with Connie now - what a day, to be reunited and to be with Uncle Jim, my dad and mom, Uncle Terry and his Lord Jesus. Please pray for the family in this difficult time, hug your family and hold them tight. Lastly, none of us really know our appointed day. Please repair broken relationship and lastly, make sure you are going to heaven. And you won't make it to heaven because your good. You need to accept Jesus Chrsit as your personal Savior. He already died to pay the penalty of death for you when He died for you on the cross. If you need more information, go speak to a Christian Pastor, they will help you so that you can see John and Connie again and Jesus when you die. It's heaven or he'll, we all know which one we want to go so make tgat decision today!!!

Mike Keller - October 12, 2022 at 12:30 PM

CS

Good stuff, Mike Keller. John would be proud.

CS - October 13, 2022 at 07:59 PM

PH

I will always remember my grandfather. I loved him dearly. I never got to our plans and I regret that I was too busy focusing on something less important. I miss him dearly. He was the craziest man I heard about from his younger years. He is in heaven with My Aunt Angela My grandma Connie and my dearest friend Adra My Grandparents will be missed forever on the Christmas I saw him when Connie was around still I got a blanket my most favorite dress and other gifts that Christmas I wasn't very grateful and I regret that I should've been because it doesn't matter that I didn't know Connie was going to pass I still should've been grateful my biggest regret is not spending enough time with them both my family tells me it's not my fault and that the adult should've made plans but I waited and the last last time I talked to him was September 24th talking about our plans. I said to him "Hey Grandpa wanna hang out sometime like the movies again or out for dinner.?" and he said yes like the amazing grandfather he was. I will always have my grandpa and grandma and aunt in my heart and that will never change. I wish I could tell them both I was sorry and that I loved him. When it was my grandma Connie's surgery my mom wished her good luck for me because I didn't know my mom told her that but I'm glad she did because even if I could I couldn't I wouldn't have the strength to tell her that.. At my Grandpa John's funeral I forgot to tell him how much my sister loved him I was too busy trying not to cry for my baby niece because after not seeing her for awhile I didn't want her to see me sad at all I wanted to tell her that grandpa wasn't sleeping I wanted to tell her that he's in a beautiful place called heaven where people go when they go to sleep forever and never wake up but I couldn't because I didn't want to see her sad I saw my dad at the funeral and I gave him a hug and I smiled most of the time even when I wanted to cry I smiled I only smiled for my niece and my two brothers and my sister I didn't want them to see me sad and I never want to have people see I'm more weak than I already am after my grandparent's passings I started self-harm and I regret that the scars never healed they just stayed there. They never went away, they just made things worse because my mom found out and said that's what your grandpa would want. I miss them so much. I have never felt more pain than I felt when I lost them both. I felt like I lost everything. I'm still working on myself but I'm getting it. In 2 days it'll be my birthday. It's pretty obvious I would wish for him to be back. I hope when I die they'll hug me and tell me everything is going to be okay. I know they're safer in heaven than on earth.

Payge H. - November 08, 2022 at 05:12 PM

PH

It's been 1 year 1 month and 11 days since my grandfather died I've gotten pretty far working on myself. I know my grandpa and grandma would be proud of me. It still hurts that they died so close but, I know that life isn't always fair it took me a while to realize that but I guess I had too loose two people I loved dearly to realize that life is never going to always be easy no matter what you do but that's okay because you will have your loved ones as long as god knows you need them I've learned that people die for a reason like my grandfather he died because he found my grandmother and my aunt Angela he loved them so dearly he also loved my grandmother more than anything in this world and I want a relationship like that in my future and I know they would want that for me too I now know that they loved me even when they got mad at me they were there for me when I got hurt or I did something stupid. They spoiled me so much and i didn't appreciate it and I regret that but now I appreciate everything that I get. I miss them so much but I know they don't want me to be sad for them they would want me to move on and be happy and have a good life.

Payge H - November 20, 2023 at 12:58 PM

PH

It's Been 2 years and 19 days since my grandfather passed away, a lot has happened I passed my permit test and on November 10th 2024 this year I turn 15 and I get my permit. I miss my grandfather so much and I still wish he was here but I have learned that people that you love will always come and go throughout your life and there is nothing you can do about it just keep on moving for them because you know they wouldn't want you to be upset all the time for them. They would want you to be happy for the memories you had with them the time you spent with them. The memories of the joy, smiling, laughing, hugging, the holidays you spent with them. It's kinda crazy how long my grandfather has been gone I guess time is kinda funny like that over time things feel longer or they feel shorter I lost my dog June 28th 2024 this year from liver failure it still hurts a lot it still feels like I just lost her I miss her so much but life goes on. The pain might hurt for a while but it won't hurt forever the pain of lost is like a cut it'll scar but overtime it doesn't hurt but it's still there no matter how much stuff you put over it it'll still be there. I've learned it okay to not be okay and even when I'm not okay it doesn't mean that I should hurt myself to control the pain I have mentally and trade it with physical it never helps it doesn't work it just makes it worse. I have a lot of scars honestly and it's so embarrassing when a little kid or someone asks where I got the scars from and why there are so many of them people at my school don't know my struggles they don't know what I go through people don't realize school is one of the best places but also the most dangerous especially for teenagers, teens like making fun of each other and giving other people hard times teens will try to push people as far as they can but they don't realize people have limits people have feelings people have their own thoughts most teens in schools commit suicide due to bullying and I've tried but when I did I regretted everything I thought I lost myself I was scared and hurt. Even through everything I have been through I'm still here and that's all that matters even though I'm having a hard time in my school I'm going to keep moving on for not only my grandfather but my dog, grandma, aunt, my best friend, my uncle, my great uncle I will keep moving on for them and that is a promise. I miss you Grandfather...<3

Payge Hoffman - October 31, 2024 at 10:43 AM

PH

I miss you more than anything grandpa I cant wait to tell you about my year

Payge H - April 02, 2025 at 10:33 AM

AP

Hey, Grandpa. I turned 16 this year. I'm honestly scared. We put a lady down last year, 6-28-24, and a buddy down this year, 6-18-25. I understand that life isn't easy, but I'm trying to push through my eating hasn't been the best. I started losing weight, but I have picked myself up now, and I'm working towards this year in school to focus on my grades and get closer to marine biology or National Geographic photography. I really miss you grandpa yesterday, aka August 5, 2025. It's been 6 years since Adra murdered my best friend. Every day I have started caring less and less, but it's okay as long as I make myself a good future, I should be good, right? I'm just so scared of what is to come. I want to be better than my mom and my dad. Yes, my mom may have made some good accomplishments, but yet I want to do better and live better. I'm not saying she doesn't treat me right or anything, just that life is rough right now, and I just want to do my best even though I'm trying to change for the better. I feel as if nobody notices. I feel like when I'm trying to do better, people think the worst of me. I know that even when I'm doing better I will still get bullied in school and people will still hate me, but as long as I ignore that, I should be good, right grandpa? I just hope you and grandma and Adara and Angela are here to help me figure out what is for the better. Grandma would probably be like. "Princess, you have to remember your worth and never let those who aren't important ruin your day." I miss you all so much, honestly, but life moves on, we lose, and we gain people, even the ones we love the most. I miss you grandpa, grandma, Adara, Angela.

Alexandra Payge - August 06, 2025 at 01:37 AM

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Alexandra Payge - August 06, 2025 at 01:37 AM

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I miss my grandfather so much. He still means the world to me even if he is gone. I know it has been almost 3 years now since he has passed. I still think about him every day because he will always be a part of my heart, along with my grandmother, Connie Ann Clevenger. Connie and John were so in love and I want to have that type of love in the future. I turn 16 very shortly, and I am honestly excited I have started opening up more and my depression isn't as bad anymore, which I am very fond of. I am extremely proud of how much I have matured, yes I still act like a dumb kid sometimes, but that is also because I had to mature at a young age and I have always acted above my age but even now people think I'm 20 or 24 years old because of maturity, but I find that funny because even 20 and 24-year-olds don't act mature as me from what I have seen I have always tried to be perfect and be successful in life after highschool I am planning on joining the Air-Force which is what I have wanted to do for a while but then again even though I would get a free college tuition, and they would help me financially it is a hard choice because I still have the thought of what if the Air-Force isn't for me what if I don't fit in there I mean I know I will never fit in anywhere in the way people desire, but that honestly doesn't matter as long I am successful in my life and that is my goal I want to be financially stable and be able to support my future husband/wife and my future children and be able to help with bill, finances, taxes and more like car insurance I understand that adult life isn't easy but to me that is going to be fun in my eyes because I am always up for a challenge challenges make life not boring in my opinion and I honestly can't wait to see how my future will be will it be difficult or easy I don't know, but that's okay.

Alexandra Payge - September 26, 2025 at 01:32 PM