



Kerry Mark O'Connell

September 29, 1962 - February 24, 2025

Kerry Mark O'Connell, age 62, of Bourbonnais passed away Monday, February 24, 2025. He was born September 29, 1962 in Kankakee, the son of Weldon and Eva (Mitchell) O'Connell.

Kerry was retired from the United States Postal Service, where he worked for almost 30 years.

He also served as a member of the BBCHS School Board for many years.

Kerry was a long

time coach, umpire, and referee in the community. He loved spending time with his sons,

socializing with friends, especially at TJ's, reading, writing poems for his grandson, squirrel

watching, and rooting for the Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears, Chicago Fire, and Manchester

United. Kerry was the 30th ever member of the Chicago Fire supporters group originally known as the Barn Burners.

Surviving are two sons, Mark O'Connell (Morgan Metschuleit) of Bourbonnais, and Philip

O'Connell of Duluth, Minnesota; one sister, Kathy Diangikes of Florida; one grandson, Ronan O'Connell; one niece, Molly Diangikes; one nephew, Ryan Neese; and one great nephew, Teddy.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one brother-in-law, Ted Diangikes.

Kerry was the most loving father and papa, and the life of the party. His

presence will be greatly missed throughout the community.

Visitation will be held from 4 pm to 7 pm on Friday, March 7, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to the Bourbonnais Public Library.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Kerry’s mom and my mom shared a hospital room when we were born. We teased that we were twins from different mothers. We always thought we shared a birthday, it was when my son (who was born on my birthday, went to get a passport and dealt with Kerry) we found out he was actually born a day ahead of me. He kept telling my son that he had my birthday wrong. Rest in heaven twin brother!

julie jones - March 07, 2025 at 02:37 PM

LW

“ My sympathy to Kerry’s family- knew him from my weekly trips to the post office- always looked forward to seeing him and exchanging stories. He was a fun guy with a silly sense of humor that will be missed....

Lisa Winge - March 05, 2025 at 09:00 AM

JG

“ I am deeply saddened to hear about the loss of Kerry. I met Kerry when I was in Little League, and I was always happy to be around Kerry, whether on the baseball field, at the Post Office, or seeing him pop in at BBCHS. Kerry was the nicest person you could meet. My sincerest condolences, thoughts, and prayers go out to Mark and the rest of his family and loved ones.



Josh George - March 05, 2025 at 08:57 AM

SE

“ Very sorry to hear this news. I met Kerry through the officiating community. RIP my friend

Steve Endsley - March 04, 2025 at 09:41 AM

TM

“ *Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Kerry Mark O'Connell*



Tom Mallaney - March 03, 2025 at 07:39 AM

ST

“ *Steve and I are so sorry to hear of Kerry passing!! He was a dear friend , he and Steve spoke every September 29... the birthday they shared... played baseball together... umpired... coached... a great guy!!! Rest in peace Kerry*

Steven Turrell - March 02, 2025 at 09:42 PM

BM

“ *What a great guy. So sorry to hear.*

Bruce Myers - March 02, 2025 at 09:06 AM

CH

“ *Rest In Peace my friend. So many wonderful memories. From school through adulthood. You will certainly be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends* ❤️



Chris Page Huffman - March 01, 2025 at 09:32 AM

BD

“ *Barbara Dams lit a candle in memory of Kerry Mark O'Connell*



Barbara Dams - March 01, 2025 at 09:17 AM

JF

“ *Whenever I would see Kerry at the Post Office we would catch up. We have known each other a lifetime. He was a very nice caring person. May he R.I.P. Deepest condolences to all his family.*



Jolynne Fahey - February 28, 2025 at 08:49 PM

JG

“ *Joseph Giacchino lit a candle in memory of Kerry Mark O'Connell*



Joseph Giacchino - February 28, 2025 at 05:09 PM

NA

“ *You will be missed*

nanna - February 28, 2025 at 03:45 PM

KT

“ R I H 🇺🇸 Kerry
Glad to have ran into you last Summer. It was
nice to catch.

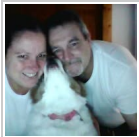


Kris Trombley - February 28, 2025 at 02:41 PM

NK

“ What a beautiful obituary. I met Kathy's brother a few times when he
visited Florida every year to check in with his family. They were
always on their way out for a fun evening of a drink [or two], good
food and karaoke. Two peas in a pod. RIP young man.

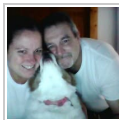
norma kooi - February 28, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ Monte Schweizer lit a candle in memory of
Kerry Mark O'Connell



Monte Schweizer - February 28, 2025 at 01:43 PM



*This hurts the heart badly! Kerry and I grew up together and have been
friends our entire lives! We all lost a Great Friend and an even better
human being! Words cannot express the heartache that comes with
losing him! RIP My Dear Friend! Our Condolences to all the Family!
Hugs and Love to All!*

Monte Schweizer - February 28, 2025 at 01:50 PM



“ *Rest easy my friend... I have known you since 5th grade and we have been friends ever since. You gave the best hugs whenever I ran into you. My heart is breaking and will remember you always!*

Donica Messier - February 28, 2025 at 11:12 AM



“ *RIP 'BigGuy'*

Jerry the Mailman

Jerrold Bjick - February 28, 2025 at 11:10 AM