



## Kurt L. Berghouse

March 28, 1961 - February 7, 2017

Kurt L. Berghouse, 55, of Kankakee, passed away on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at Riverside Medical Center, surrounded by his friends and family. He was born on March 28, 1961, in Kankakee, to Richard and Irma Jean Kirchner Berghouse. Kurt married Martine C. Grant on February 4, 1989 at St. Martin of Tours Church.

Kurt graduated from Herscher High School. He was the owner and operator of Berghouse Concrete, Inc. in Kankakee. He had also worked at Cuning and Hoffman Construction in Kankakee. He was a 37 year member of the Bricklayers Union. Kurt was a worker and enjoyed the simple things in life. He also enjoyed spending time with his family.

Kurt is survived by his wife, Martine Berghouse, of Kankakee; two sons, Alex Berghouse (Jamie Demers), of Bonfield and Benjamin Grant (Olivia Heath), of Corvallis, OR; one daughter, Lauren Berghouse, of Kankakee; his mother, Irma Jean Berghouse, of Bonfield; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Jill and Tom Grant, of Kankakee and Suzanne Graham, of Lafayette, CO; one brother and sister-in-law, Kim and Jenny Jensen, of Yorktown, VA; all of his in-laws in the Grant family; many nieces and nephews; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father; paternal grandparents, Albert and Lucia Berghouse; maternal grandparents, Bennie and Fern Kirchner; one

uncle, Ralph Kirchner; and two aunts, Anita Berghouse and Betty Berghouse.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until the 5:00 p.m. concluding prayers on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Inurnment will be at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, or Bonfield First United Methodist Church.

Regards....KLB

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

FEB 11. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Just thinking of you my friend  
Jeff Stone*



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**Jeff Stone** - November 04, 2023 at 03:01 PM

JG

“ *I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Kurt. He was a great guy and a great customer. He always had a smile when he came in to our shop no matter how bad a day he might have been having. We were sorry to see him close his business and even more sorry to hear that he was stricken with cancer. We will miss Kurt. Our sympathies and prayers go to the Berghouse family. Jim Goodrich Fleetpride Truck & Trailer*

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**Jim Goodrich** - February 13, 2017 at 12:40 PM

NN

“ *Marti and family, Jill and tom, we share you sorrow on losing Kurt so young. Blessings to him on his new journey. May he be at peace.*



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**nansi chandler and mike norum** - February 12, 2017 at 11:26 PM

WO

“ Kurt was my cousin. As a boy he was rambunctious, often irritating and ALWAYS fun to be with! As we grew older in the age before all of the social media available today, we saw very little of each other. But the times when we did get the chance to come together are memories I will ALWAYS CHERISH, as Kurt had grown into a good man with a huge and caring heart! He was not only my cousin, he was and will always be remembered as my friend! I'm sure that heaven is a much livelier and happier place with his arrival. My condolences to Aunt Irma Jean, Kim, Jill, Suzanne and the entire family!!! I share your loss and pain very deeply!!

Wayne Osenga

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Wayne Osenga - February 12, 2017 at 01:20 AM

VD

“ *My heart goes out to Martine and their children and mother. We lived just down the road from each other in our high school years. I have fond memories of him. May I offer you these words of comfort:*

*And when great souls die,  
after a period peace blooms,  
slowly and always  
irregularly. Spaces fill  
with a kind of  
soothing electric vibration.  
Our senses, restored, never  
to be the same, whisper to us.  
They existed. They existed.  
We can be. Be and be  
better. For they existed.”*

— *Maya Angelou*

*God bless. Love, light, and healing to your family.*

*Vicki Hargrave Downs*

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**Victoria Hargrave Downs** - February 11, 2017 at 10:17 PM

DG

“ *My sympathy to Kurt's family. He was a nice man I got to know while working at Shapiro. I'm sure he'll be missed. Dan Guenette*

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**Dan Guenette** - February 11, 2017 at 01:43 PM

JW

*I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers to your whole family. Jeannine Wegner*

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**jeannine Wegner** - February 12, 2017 at 08:34 PM

CD

“ my condolences to the family of kurt it has been a great pleasure knowing kurt for such a short period of time I wish he and I would have know each other longer he was a great friend and will miss him I will always remember the good talks we had may the lord bless you and your family we will meet again

*sincerely your friend Charlie Dalton and family*

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**charles dalton** - February 10, 2017 at 06:56 PM

LC

“ Marti, so sorry for you and your family! My deepest sympathy!

*Larry Campbell*

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**Larry Campbell** - February 10, 2017 at 06:07 PM

SG

“ My condolences to the family. Many memories of us kids playing and going to church together.

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**Stephanie Richie Gollither** - February 10, 2017 at 12:49 PM

CB

“ Carol Buente lit a candle in memory of Kurt L. Berghouse



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**Carol Buente** - February 10, 2017 at 11:30 AM

PF

“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire Berghouse family, especially to Irma Jean, Jill, and Suzanne, whom I know from my years teaching at HHS. I remember Kurt as a hard-working young man who always had a ready smile. May God comfort you and give you His strength and peace.*

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**Patricia Fisher** - February 10, 2017 at 10:09 AM

DR

“ *Debi Chamness Rantz lit a candle in memory of Kurt L. Berghouse*



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**Debi Chamness Rantz** - February 09, 2017 at 11:56 PM



“ *Alex, Marty, Lauren,*

*Michael, Maia and I have been thinking of you and can only imagine how hard this time is for you. We hope your fond memories as a family carry you through this tough time, and that you will always feel your dad/husband with you.*

*Love,  
Lindsay, Michael, and Maia Diggs*

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**Lindsay Demers-Diggs** - February 09, 2017 at 10:21 PM

TL

“ *Marty, Jill and Irma Jean,*

*I wanted to express my deepest condolences. I'm very sorry for your loss.*

*Terry Linskey*

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**terry Linskey** - February 09, 2017 at 06:19 PM



“ *Snowy Neill lit a candle in memory of Kurt L. Berghouse*



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**Snowy Neill** - February 09, 2017 at 05:10 PM

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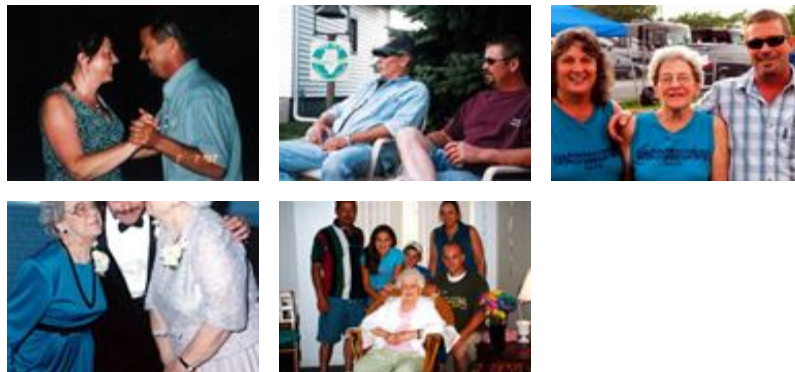
“ *So sorry to see someone with so much love and energy and a great sense of humor leave us. My condolences to Kurt's wife, to Jill, Suzanne, and Irma Jean. I hope the memories that Kurt leaves with us will help you in this time of grief. My prayers and God's blessing to all of you!*

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**scott weedon** - February 09, 2017 at 03:45 PM



“ 50 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - February 09, 2017 at 02:54 PM

JH

*Dearest Friends -- my other family -- in my grief I still have prayers and love to share with every one of you. IJB and Marti, let's pretend we are still at "Grandma's kitchen table" where so many fantastic memories were made. Kurt was strong and funny and just so "Kurt"!!! All my love!  
Jeanie*

Jean Butz Hall - February 09, 2017 at 09:50 PM

JE

“ *Marti, I am so very sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family during this difficult time.*

Julie Enright - February 09, 2017 at 12:16 PM

JL

“ *Marti,  
I am so sorry for your loss.  
You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Joe Lacaeyse*

Joe Lacaeyse - February 09, 2017 at 11:05 AM



“ Sarah Windmiller lit a candle in memory of Kurt L. Berghouse



Sarah Windmiller - February 09, 2017 at 10:30 AM

DB

“ Heaven has gained a great helper! Simply put a good man who was a best friend leaving myself and all that knew him with fond memories of stories that he could only tell with his humor. I am so grateful for all we shared. Take a well deserved vacation before you start the Lord's work.

David Brandenburg - February 09, 2017 at 07:59 AM

BW

“ Brad Wills lit a candle in memory of Kurt L. Berghouse



Brad Wills - February 09, 2017 at 07:36 AM

DR

“ Dan & Tammy Riegel lit a candle in memory of Kurt L. Berghouse



Dan & Tammy Riegel - February 09, 2017 at 07:09 AM

Cindy Chaffee

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**Cindy Chaffee** - February 09, 2017 at 12:01 AM

PW

“ *Penny Webb Ward lit a candle in memory of Kurt L. Berghouse*



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**Penny Webb Ward** - February 08, 2017 at 07:47 PM

SD

“ *Our thoughts are with Kurts family, especially Irma Jean, Jill, Suzanne and Alex. I often walk down my beautiful driveway and think of what a wonderful job Kurt did. It is now 9 years old and has not one crack.*



*Sandy (Emling) Dion*

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**Sandy Dion** - February 08, 2017 at 07:00 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Austin Welsh lit a candle in memory of Kurt L. Berghouse*



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**Brenda Austin Welsh** - February 08, 2017 at 06:02 PM

BW

*My condolence to Kurt's Family.  
Another class mate gone to soon! Lifting all of you up in prayers.  
Brenda Austin Welsh*

**Brenda Austin Welsh** - February 08, 2017 at 06:09 PM

VH

*We are sorry to hear of Kurt's passing. He was a joy to have known as our children's friend in grade and high school and a joy to have known as a friend and employee for so many years.  
He will be missed. Blessings and prayers to all the Berghouse family.  
Vern, Myrna, Steve, Rick and Deb (Yaden) Hoffman*

**Vernon Hoffman** - February 10, 2017 at 10:36 AM

LS

“ *Larry Suprenant lit a candle in memory of Kurt L. Berghouse*



**Larry suprenant** - February 08, 2017 at 05:29 PM

SA

*Larry and I both send our sympathy and prayers. He will be a great loss to the neighborhood. Larry Anderson and wife Suzi Hawkins*

**Suzi Hawkins and Larry Anderson** - February 14, 2017 at 09:24 AM