



Lavern O'Connell

February 19, 1931 - April 22, 2014

Lavern O'Connell, 83, of Bourbonnais, passed away Tuesday (April 22, 2014) 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 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Teresa Catholic Church, Kankakee. Father Santos Castillo will officiate. Cremation rites will be accorded after the services. Inurnment will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley (www.hkvcares.org) or to St. Teresa Catholic Church (www.stteresacatholics.org), where he was a member.

Mr. O'Connell worked at General Foods Corp., retiring in 1984. He was born Feb. 19, 1931, in Kankakee, the son of Francis and Agnes Dominique O'Connell. He was a graduate of St. Patrick High School, Kankakee. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Korea. He coached Jaycee Little League. He enjoyed woodworking and golfing, and got three hole-in-ones.

Surviving are his wife, the former Jean Rogers, of Bourbonnais, whom he married Oct. 6, 1951, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee; four sons and daughters-in-law, Dan and Amy O'Connell, of Springfield, David and Carol O'Connell, of St. Anne, Kevin and Jan O'Connell, of Clifton, Kenny and Chrissy O'Connell, of St. Peter, Minn.; two daughters and one son-in-law, Kathy Dunn, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Karen and Tim Pinson, of Kankakee; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and one brother and sister-in-law,

Ron and Kathleen O'Connell, of Aroma Park.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Elwood; two sisters, Sharon Menigoz and Janice Betourne; and one son-in-law, Thomas Dunn.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

APR **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Teresa Catholic Church
333 St. Joseph Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-7683

Tribute Wall

DO

“ Jean and family, JoAnn and I were sorry to hear about Lavern . We will keep him in our thoughts and prayers. Since we have been in Florida for the last 35 years, I did not get to visit with him. Thank you for the genealogy that you did on the O'Connell Family, in particular about our grand father and grand mother, as well as our great grand parents. My son took me to Ireland last September, and we visited the birth place Martin and we were at the church that the Patrick and Anne Starr were married. What a thrill and you made it happen. Thanks, Cousin Dick & JoAnn O'Connell

Dick & JoAnn O'Connell - April 26, 2014 at 01:16 PM

DC

“ Jean
My thoughts are with you and all of your family today.
May the Lord and his peace be with always.
Dom Ciaccio

Dominic Ciaccio - April 26, 2014 at 12:18 PM

JL

“ Jean, Karen, Tim, Justin and Ryan... My thoughts and prayers go out to you in this difficult time. Grandad was a great man and he will be missed by many people.

Jamie Leigh Leidecker - April 25, 2014 at 06:30 AM

DW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family during this difficult time. Lavern was a gentle and kind soul and was loved by many.*



Dianne & Mike Williams - April 24, 2014 at 06:48 PM

BS

“ *Dave & Carol,
Our deepest sympathy to you and all your family. We are very sorry for your loss, and thoughts and prayers are with you.
Benny & Charlene*

Benny & Charlene Skeldon - April 24, 2014 at 11:12 AM

RM

“ *Rick And Kim Magruder lit a candle in memory of Lavern O'Connell*



Rick and Kim Magruder - April 23, 2014 at 07:19 PM

CC

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Jean.
Carl & Jan Coleman*

Carl & Jan Coleman - April 23, 2014 at 09:19 PM

RF

“ O'Connell Family:

Sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Kevin & Kenny worked for us at the Exline Gun Club for quite some time. God be with you. Ralph & Natalene Ferrari.

Ralph/Natalene Ferrari - April 23, 2014 at 06:38 PM

RB

“ So very sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with you.

Rhonda Bouchard



Rhonda Bouchard - April 23, 2014 at 03:07 PM

MM

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Please accept our heartfelt condolences, Mark Menigoz & family

mark menigoz - April 23, 2014 at 06:14 PM

SA

*Jean and Family,
We are saddened to hear of Lavern's passing and send our love and prayers to each of you. We will surely miss Lavern "holding court" in our backyard each evening. I am sure God welcomed him home with open arms. See you soon.
Nick and Shirley*

Shirley/Nick Africano - April 25, 2014 at 03:07 PM