



Lawrence H. Vining

August 4, 1924 - September 12, 2013

Lawrence H. Vining, 89, of Bourbonnais, passed away Thursday (Sept. 12, 2013). Lawrence was born Aug. 4, 1924, in Momence, the son of Howard and Rosa (nee Gross) Vining. He was a lifelong Kankakee County resident. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II from 1943 to 1945. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart. He retired from Prestige Auto Parts and tinkered with retirement the past 30 years. He enjoyed fishing, breakfast out with friends, and being with his children and grandchildren. Lawrence is survived by his wife, the former Mary Eleanor Eastman, whom he married Aug. 2, 1947, in Kankakee; his two children and their families: one daughter, Lana Kay Rood and her husband, Gregory, of Holly Springs, N.C., and grandsons, Jason Rood (wife, Mary), of Sumter, S.C. and Dr. Nathaniel Rood (wife, Maria), of Tinley Park; one son, Jeffery Lawrence Vining and his wife, Sheri, of Des Moines, Iowa, and granddaughters, Anna, of Jackson, Miss., and Maggie, of West Des Moines, Iowa. A gathering time for friends and family will be from 10 a.m. Monday until the 11 a.m. funeral service at the ClancyGernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Deacon Patrick Skelly will officiate. Interment will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township. Memorials may be made to the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ *It is an honor to have known Bommer, I will miss his smile*
Mary Rood

Mary Rood wife of Jason G. Rood - September 16, 2013 at 09:39 AM

PW

“ *Our sympathy to Mr. Vining's lovely family, Jeff, Sheri, Anna and Maggie, Lana, Greg, Jason, and Nathaniel Rood. What a wonderful Dad, Grandfather and Father-in-Law you had. He was so proud of each and everyone of you. He always had a wonderful smile, self assured, and was always there to help you in anyway he could, his unconditional love will be with you forever. Our thoughts and prayers are with you tomorrow and the days to follow.*
Love to you all,
Jeff and Sheri's

Uncle Paul and Aunt Deanna Wilson, Moravia, IA

Paul and Deanna Wilson - September 15, 2013 at 05:45 PM

MM

“ Uncle Bee was a huge part of my life growing up. I will always remember working in the one car garage on 4th Avenue, breakfasts at the Tri-K, going fishing on the river. Often paddling back when the old Johnson outboard quit.

I will always remember the genius of his hands and his ability to create or repair absolutely anything. When I was a kid we had an arrangement. I would break it; he would fix it. We both did our part.

I have the most vivid images in my mind of a twenty year old Private Vining racing across France with the armored infantry. The mass of scar tissue across his back and the jagged pieces of steel from a German Panzer round are in his chest even now. Truly one of the greatest generation. He very nearly gave everything to help rid the world of evil.

But most of all I value the lessons in living that he gave me without even realizing it. Quiet, modest, unassuming, honest, self reliant. All these and so many more. He was a man of everyday greatness. He will be missed.

Mark Miller

mark miller - September 15, 2013 at 08:42 AM



“ Yellow Peonies, Dahlia's and White Roses (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Lawrence H. Vining.



September 15, 2013 at 07:11 AM

LB

“ I think Mr. Vining was one of the most endearing fathers and grandfathers I have ever known. His perpetually positive spirit was a constant in our childhoods at St. Mark United Methodist Church and throughout the Bradley -Bourbonnais music programs. Always a brilliant smile, kind word of support, and a model of strength, courage, and love--- he and his beautiful wife-- Mrs. Vining are stalwart examples of Christian marriage and family. Our sympathy to his lovely family. I hope he finds my parents in heaven when he gets there--- they will have a great time sharing stories!!! Lana Weiss Brown

Lana Weiss Brown - September 14, 2013 at 10:06 AM