



## Leo H. Demers

October 25, 1923 - September 9, 2018

Leo H. Demers, age 94, of St. Anne was called home to Jesus on Sunday, September 9, 2018.

He was born October 25, 1923 in Ashkum, the son of George A. & Mabel Patnaude Demers.

Leo married Theresa Marino on July 9, 1949 at St. Anne Catholic Church. She preceded him in death on November 8, 2015.

Leo attended St. Anne High School.

He enlisted in the US Navy and from 1943-1946 he spent aboard the USS Conway DD 507 in the Pacific theatre.

Leo worked for A.O. Smith, David Bradley, Roper, General Mills and Amoco Chemical in Joliet.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 842 in St. Anne and the VFW Post 2131 in Clifton.

He was a member of the Tin Can Sailors and attended their reunions since 1985.

Leo was an honorary member of the 4th degree Knights of Columbus.

Leo was a driving force in starting the Veterans Memorial in St. Anne. He assisted Theresa with the annual Memorial Day service.

Leo enjoyed selling poppies for the legion and volunteered many years at Bishop McNamara High School booster club.

Leo and Theresa loved to travel and in 2012, they went to Alaska, completing all 50 states.

They also enjoyed traveling overseas in Europe.

Leo was an avid NASCAR fan, attending dozens of Daytona 500's.

He was an avid Chicago Cub fan.

Leo is survived by four children, Robin Rapp Somers, MT, Dan & Sue Demers of Bourbonnais, Rosalie Wylie of Coal City, and Mary & Michael Wakeley of Ottawa; one daughter-in-law, Kim Demers; grandchildren, Michael Rapp, Melissa & John Kud, Jill & Daan DeBrouckere, Stacy & Chris Bussian, Sarah Demers, Jason Demers, Ashley Demers, Brittany & Adam Goetsch, Danielle & Brad Skowronski; great-grandchildren, Amanda Rapp, Gianna Kud, Aubrey Kud, Kayla Kud, Niels DeBrouckere, Ian DeBrouckere, Laney Bussian, and Maddy Bussian; and one sister, Stella Vaillencourt.

In addition to his wife, Leo is preceded in death by one son, Scott Demers; one son-in-law, John Wylie;

one grandson, Jacob Rapp; and two siblings, Genevieve James and Eugene Demers.

Visitation will be held 3-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home in St. Anne.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, September 13, 2018 at St. Anne Catholic Church in St. Anne.

Burial will follow at St. Anne Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Bishop McNamara Catholic Schools and Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Anne Catholic Cemetery

Chinquy Street  
St. Anne, IL 60964  
(815) 427-8346

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **12**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Anne - Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home  
214 W. Sheffield  
St. Anne, IL 60964  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Mass

SEP **13**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Anne Catholic Church  
236 N. 6th Street  
St. Anne, IL 60964  
(815) 427-8265

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Dan, Sue and the Demers Family on the loss of Leo.*

*Jan & John Rodgers*

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**John Rodgers** - September 15, 2018 at 06:23 PM

WW

“ *My condolence to the family. I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Leo at Amoco. Leo was so easy to know and like, he always had a smile and pleasant word for everyone.*

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**Walt Wehlauch** - September 13, 2018 at 05:08 PM

JF

“ *My condolences to the family. Leo was an amazing man. I was blessed to have been able to spend the last 6 years getting to know him and share stories. He was one of a kind. He will be missed.*

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**Jason Franc** - September 13, 2018 at 09:36 AM

CB

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of the family members at this time of sorrow.  
I always enjoyed talking to Uncle Leo and will miss that now.  
Uncle Leo is in God’s care now and what better care could we ever ask for him.  
Uncle Leo will be missed by everyone he new.  
Now we pray for your comfort in the days ahead.  
God bless all his family and keep all of you in tender care and love for all eternity.”

*Charles & Caroline Boudreau and the family*

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**charles boudreau** - September 12, 2018 at 03:34 PM

NA

“ We only recently met Mr. Demers but were struck by his vibrancy and beautiful personality. Please accept our sympathy for your family's great loss. Jerry and Nancie Alexander



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**Nancie Alexander** - September 12, 2018 at 11:48 AM

JD

“ Leo and Theresa were two of the most loving and caring people I ever knew. They always made it a point to go out of their way to visit my wife and I whenever they were on the West Coast. My fond memories stretch nearly 60 years. Leo getting his "little red truck" was one of them. Distance prevents my being there at this final passage, but my wife and I send our thoughts and prayers to all of the family; we are there with you in spirit. Love and condolences, Jerry and Heidi Darnell

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**Jerry and Heidi Darnell** - September 11, 2018 at 01:56 PM



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - September 11, 2018 at 01:45 PM

DA

“ *Leo was my uncle and I always like to visit him when I was in St Anne. He will be missed by all who knew him. My prayers are with all my cusions through this time of sorry.*  
*David Boudreau*

**David** - September 11, 2018 at 01:32 PM

SK

“ *Scott & Karla Kuriger lit a candle in memory of Leo H. Demers*



**Scott & Karla Kuriger** - September 11, 2018 at 07:07 AM

CV

“ Cynthia Vickery lit a candle in memory of Leo H. Demers



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Cynthia Vickery - September 11, 2018 at 06:43 AM

CV

“ Please accept my deepest and sincere sympathy at the loss of your Father, Grandfather, and Great Grandfather. Please take comfort in the fact that he is now resting in peace and is enjoying everlasting happiness and is reunited with your Mother.

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Cynthia Vickery - September 11, 2018 at 06:41 AM

CP

“ Craig And Angela Pontious lit a candle in memory of Leo H. Demers



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Craig and Angela Pontious - September 10, 2018 at 08:06 PM

CP

Sorry to hear of your Father's passing Danny and Sue!

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Craig Pontious - September 10, 2018 at 08:09 PM

KH

“ *Kathy Hines lit a candle in memory of Leo H. Demers*



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**Kathy Hines** - September 10, 2018 at 06:24 PM