



Louis T. "Pete" Rivard

June 14, 1922 - March 11, 2019

Louis T. "Pete" Rivard, age 96, of Bradley passed away Monday, March 11, 2019 at Riverside Senior Living Community in Kankakee. He was born on June 14, 1922 in St. George, the son of Joseph & Georgiana (Gregoire) Rivard. Louis married Dolores Remillard on October 2, 1948 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee. She preceded him in death on February 1, 2019.

Louis is a veteran of the United States Army, having served during World War II with the 29th Infantry Division. He was in the first wave of US troops landing on Omaha Beach on D-Day. He was wounded twice while serving in Normandy. Louis was awarded with the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, Combat Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct Medal, and the European Campaign Medal. Louis was also able to participate in an Honor Flight for World War II veterans, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Prior to retirement, he was employed as an air conditioning and refrigeration technician by T&R Supply, McConnell Refrigeration, and Mercon. Louis was a longtime member of the American Legion, Kankakee Sportsmans Club, Local 597 Plumbers & Pipe Fitters Union, the 29th Infantry Division Association, and the Vintage Squadron.

Louis was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He was generous with his time and talents. He enjoyed helping his children, grandchildren, relatives, friends, neighbors, and the church. His hobbies included woodworking, camping, reading, and repairing anything put on his workbench. It seemed he

had a tool and a part for every job.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, David & Deborah Rivard of Kankakee; one daughter and son-in-law, Judith & Gary Wolfe of Bourbonnais; three grandchildren, Sarah Rivard of Kankakee, Rebecca Rivard of Las Vegas, and Michael Wolfe of Zionsville, IN; and one sister, Madonna Heeger of Longs, SC. In addition to his wife, Dolores Rivard, Louis is preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 17, 2019 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. An additional memorial visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. memorial mass on Monday, March 18, 2019 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church of Bradley or Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Visitation

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
211 N. Center Street
Bradley, IL 60915
(815) 939-3573
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

Memorial Mass

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *I was proud to know Louis.
More than remember ... never forget.
I think to you in this hard time.*

Yves Vercoutter (France).

Yves Vercoutter - March 17, 2019 at 02:43 PM

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“ *I was one of Mr. Rivards CNAs and truly
enjoyed taking care of him and mrs. Rivard.
I'm so very sorry for your loss. He will be
greatly missed.*



Nicole - March 16, 2019 at 02:34 PM

PM

“ *Dave and Judy, family. My condolences to all. Dave, as you know, I
have the highest respect for your father. Have started out in 1964 as
a young apprentice, you dad taught me most of what I know. I
worked under him for 15 years, then he worked for me when T&R
closed. He was a faithful, honest, hard working man, always doing
his best for the customer. There was a saying " If Louie cant fix it, it
can't be fixed!" Beyond working together, he was my friend. He
instilled his work ethic in you, Dave, and you have learned well! I
could go on for hours with stories of working together. I will always
remember my friend. A job well done and a life well lived.*

Pat McConnell

Patrick McConnell - March 13, 2019 at 02:05 PM

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“ *To Louie's family. My sympathy, prayers, and love to all. Louie was a perfect gentleman always. I know he will be missed. Louie my friend may you R. I. P. Virginia R Nantista Dominick*



Virginia R Dominick - March 13, 2019 at 12:33 PM

Amy Williams

“ *Amy Williams lit a candle in memory of Louis T. "Pete" Rivard*



Amy Williams - March 13, 2019 at 07:15 AM



“ *Judy and Gary, so very sorry for your loss. Barb Jackson*



Barb Jackson - March 12, 2019 at 10:17 PM