



Louis Sebastiani

May 20, 1926 - May 19, 2013

Visitation for Louis J. Sebastiani, 86, of Kankakee, will be from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will follow at 11 a.m. at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Kankakee.

Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Kankakee. Memorials may be made to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church or to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. He died Sunday (May 19, 2013) at his home.

Mr. Sebastiani worked at The Daily Journal for 44 years, retiring in 1987. He was born May 20, 1926, in Kankakee, the son of Eugene and Carlotta Lenci Sebastiani. His first wife, the former Emily Noramczyk, whom he married Oct. 20, 1950, at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Kankakee, passed away Feb. 24, 1976. He was a 1944 graduate of St. Patrick's High School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II in the Pacific. He was a lifelong member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, where he was an usher for more than 60 years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Sons of Italy and the Kankakee American Legion Post 85. He enjoyed gardening.

Surviving are his wife, the former Blanche Francoeur Boudreau, of Kankakee, whom he married June 13, 2000, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church; one son, Alan E. Sebastiani, of North Riverside; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joan and Michael Kane, of Cullom, Diane and Robert Jahn, of Oak Park; four

grandchildren, Patrick Kane, Daniel Kane, Andrew Wechter and Elizabeth Wechter; one brother and sister-in-law, Mario and Betty Sebastiani, of Kankakee; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be made to St. Rose of Lima Church - www.strosekankakee.com - or Hospice of Kankakee Valley - www.hkvcares.com

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 24. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

MAY 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Church
486 W. Merchant St.
Kankakee, IL
(815) 933-9391
<http://www.strosekankakee.com/index.htm>

Tribute Wall

BR

“*Lou was the very first boss I ever had in my life when I was eleven years old, and how lucky I was to have had him fill that role. Just a really cordial guy who you enjoy dealing with. I especially appreciated him taking us paper boys (who got a lot of subscriptions) on a trip one year. He took us to Fort Knox, Kentucky.*

Brian Riley - July 21, 2016 at 02:19 AM

TS

“*I worked at The Daily Journal for many years.....there are two things I remember Louis for...HIS SMILE.....and when I would see him leaving the office he would tell me he was "going to visit his money at the bank!".....he was a sweet man and was always very upbeat. He will truly be missed not only by the "oldtimers" such as myself, but by all who loved him dearly. My condolences to his family. Taryn (Bowsher) Schuemann*

Taryn (Bowsher) Schuemann - May 24, 2013 at 10:11 PM

RS

“ My family was fortunate to live on the corner of Washington Avenue and Oak Street - - next door neighbors to the Sebastiani family for years, if not decades--a nicer family you could not find. Memories fade with time but I strongly recall Lou and Mario as role models for my brothers and myself. Both were like older brothers caring for the young ones next door. Lou was instrumental in getting me hired as a "paper boy" and I worked with Mario in the Press Room of the Daily Journal a few years during high school. Lou or Mario would shovel the snow from our sidewalk when needed and I can recall Lou washing our old car after periodic Illinois dust storms. They were good people----- Our loving thoughts and best wishes go out to Lou's family. He was a good man, a good neighbor, a good friend, a teacher and counselor to many teenage boys. Kankakee and the world is a better place as a result of Lou passing through. God Bless--Rest in Peace--and "SEE YA LATER, LOUIE"!!!

Bob Sicard May 24, 2013

Robert P. Sicard - May 24, 2013 at 02:16 PM

LZ

“ My Aunt Blanch and Uncle Louie were two of my most memorable and favorite aunts and uncles. Whenever I went back to Illinois to visit my mom and dad, I always stopped in to enjoy and have wonderful conversation with Uncle Louie and Aunt Blanch. My heart hurts for my Aunt Blance, because I know her heart is hurting for her soul mate who is now in heaven. May our dear Lord wrap HIS arms around Aunt Blanch and keep her close to HIS heart.

*Most Respectfully,
Lois (Rewerts) Zoltani
Seattle, Washington*

Lois Zoltani - May 23, 2013 at 07:04 PM

KD

“ I was a Journal carrier and later worked in the mailing room. The Journal was a great place to work and Louie was a wonderful supervisor. I found him to always be honorable, kind, fair, and loyal. He had a fantastic work ethic and gave his very best to every aspect of his job. He also seemed to know everyone in Kankakee and everyone seemed to know, respect, and like him. Louie was a great role model, one that I've come to appreciate more as I've grown older. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to work for and with him. He has a special place in my heart.

Kim DesLauriers - May 22, 2013 at 10:14 PM

JB

“ This world lost a truly nice man with the passing of Louie. I too was one of his paperboys back in the 50's and also worked with him in the mailroom while attending college in the mid 60's. He was always upbeat and I remember one of his favorite positive things to say back then as a motivator was "That's a good deal isn't it?" Everyone liked Louie. He will be joining the two previous paperboys on my route (Wayne Jensen & Lee Horchem) in that "Big Paper Route in the Sky". Jerry the Mailman

jerry bjick - May 21, 2013 at 03:08 PM

AP

“ Angela Pontious lit a candle in memory of Louis Sebastiani



Angela Pontious - May 20, 2013 at 11:17 PM

TA

“ Tom & Judy (Hammond) Andersen lit a candle in memory of Louis Sebastiani



Tom & Judy (Hammond) Andersen - May 20, 2013 at 08:23 PM

JU

I grew up a few houses away from Louis. He was a kind and caring man. Even when I was young I could have talked to him for hours. I am sure he will be missed. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

Judy - May 20, 2013 at 08:26 PM