



Lucius Lou Bales

February 28, 1928 - February 9, 2014

Visitation for Lucius "Lou" L. Bales, 85, of Kankakee, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Teresa Catholic Church, Kankakee. Entombment will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory, Kankakee. Memorials may be made to the Kankakee American Legion Post 85 Firing Squad. He passed away Sunday (Feb. 9, 2014) at Presence Merkle-Knipprath Catholic Home in Clifton.

Mr. Bales was the retired secretary-treasurer of the Kankakee Federation of Labor and former president of the United Food & Commercial Workers Union. He was born Feb. 28, 1928, in Hammond, La., the son of Lewis and Josephine Anderson Bales. He was a graduate of the University of Illinois and attended the University of Chicago. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving during the Korean conflict. He was a member of the Kankakee American Legion Post 85, where he was captain of the Firing Squad. He was a lifetime member of the Kankakee Valley Boat Club and a longtime hypnotist. He enjoyed painting.

Surviving are his wife, the former Dolores Gadbois, of Clifton, whom he married March 1, 1950, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Kankakee; two sons and daughters-in-law, Barry and Dawn Bales, of Bourbonnais, Phillip and Heidi Bales, of Greensboro, N.C.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah

and Randy Barber, of Ashkum, and Cindy and John Tracy, of Forstell, Mo.; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one grandson, Jamie.

Memorials may be made to American Legion Post 85 Firing Squad.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-6726

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 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

FEB 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Lucius Lou Bales*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - February 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Mrs. Bales and family. We were so sorry to hear about Lou, we had been out of town for a few days and just found out. If we would have known we certainly would have come and paid our respect to Lou. You and Lou were the best neighbors we could have possibly asked for. Whether or not you knew it you two were a positive example for Gloria and I. Lou was a heck of a guy and will be missed much. The kind of couple you two were I am sure Lou will be with you always and surely the memories will outlast the sadness of today. Your neighbors Gloria and Lorenzo Smith. February 14th.*

Lorenzo and Gloria Smith - February 14, 2014 at 09:14 PM

MH

“ *Mrs. Bales and family,*

I met Lou at the American Legion when Jim Ryan brought me in to take minutes at the meetings. Lou welcomed me and made me feel right at home. He was a warm and generous man. I feel lucky to have known him. You and your family are in my prayers.

Mary Harrison

Mary Harrison - February 12, 2014 at 02:42 PM

LP

“ *So sorry for the loss of Lou. My parents Al and Lucine Haas had many good things to say about how nice he was. Another long member of St Teresa gone. So sorry.*

Laurie Haas Pombert - February 12, 2014 at 08:20 AM

VT

“ *With deep sympathy in the loss of your dear Lou. Keeping your family in my prayers.*



Vicki Tousignant - February 11, 2014 at 10:37 PM

TM

“ *Deepest sympathy
Tom and Mary Maass*

Tom and Mary Maass - February 11, 2014 at 08:11 PM

SM

“ *Dear Barry,
I am sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*Take care,
Scott Mayberry*

Scott Mayberry - February 11, 2014 at 07:34 AM

LB

“ *Dear Delores and Family,
We were saddened to learn of your loss. As you know, Lou and I first met at the old Kankakee, Court Street A & P market, when I was hired as a grocery clerk, in 1961. He encouraged me to pursue a career with the then Retail Clerks Union. Although our Labor careers took different paths, from the Local Union to the International Union, I will always be grateful to Lou, for his words of wisdom, early in my career. We always looked forward to seeing both of you, when we occasionally traveled back to Illinois. Best Wishes, and May God Bless you and your family during this sad occasion.*

Lee & Anna Berns, Sparks, Nevada

Lee Berns - February 10, 2014 at 04:33 PM