



Melvin C. Brinkman

August 8, 1935 - May 17, 2026

Melvin C. Brinkman, age 90, of Geneva, and formerly of Bonfield, passed away Sunday, May 17, 2026 at Arbor Terrace Nursing Home in Geneva. He was born August 8, 1935 in Chebanse, the son of Clarence & Gladys Styck Brinkman.

Melvin married Patricia Birr on January 18, 1958 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Kankakee. She preceded him in death on March 4, 2020.

Melvin retired from General Foods. He then worked at J.R. Short Milling as an industrial electrician.

He enjoyed bird watching, gardening, and working in the yard. Melvin was a lay minister in the past for Grand Prairie United Methodist Church in Bonfield. Most of all, Melvin enjoyed spending time with family – especially his grandchildren.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Melvin was a member of Grand Prairie United Methodist Church in Bonfield. Surviving are one son, Craig (Lovice) Brinkman of Kankakee; two daughters, Kathy (Joe) Pawlak of Hampshire and Lori Brinkman of Aurora; four grandchildren, Jenny Pawlak, Sandy (Bob) Denninger, Derek Brinkman, and Deanna Brinkman; and one great-grandchild.

In addition to his wife, Melvin is preceded by his parents; one stillborn son, Douglas; two brothers, Don (Dolly) Brinkman and Maurice (Sherry) Brinkman; three sisters, Doris (Bill) Birr, Lorain (Roger) Hicks, and Viola (Marlin) Kane. Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from

10:00 a.m. until the 12:00 Noon memorial service on Tuesday, May 26, 2026
at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Inurnment will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

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

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY **26.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

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Tribute Wall

CB

“ Carol Beavers lit a candle in memory of Melvin C. Brinkman



Carol Beavers - May 26 at 11:15 AM

KP

“ Soror Lovice, may God bless you and your family in the loss of your father-in-law, Mr. Brinkman. You all are in my prayers.

Kimberly Pendleton - May 25 at 09:56 PM

FJ

“ Craig, Lovice & Family: You have my deepest sympathy. Praying God will give you strength and his unending love & covering during this time and the days ahead. Always remember: "Love Never Dies". God bless. Love you Always.
Cousin Frankye,
Indianapolis, Ind.



Frankye Johnson - May 24 at 04:37 AM

JF

“ Jaymie Falkenhan lit a candle in memory of Melvin C. Brinkman



Jaymie Falkenhan - May 22 at 05:33 PM

DK

“ *Donn & Darcy Kane lit a candle in memory of
Melvin C. Brinkman*



Donn & Darcy Kane - May 21 at 08:41 PM