



Michael J. Link

March 15, 1951 - August 21, 2015

Michael J. Link, 64, of Bourbonnais, passed away Friday (Aug. 21, 2015) at his home.

He was born March 15, 1951, in Kankakee, the son of Norbert and Eleanor Garski Link. Michael married Michelle "Shelly" Lambert on July 21, 1972, at St. George.

Michael was an 18-year employee of A.O. Smith, followed by 20 years at U.S. Filter/Stranco.

He had a deep love for his family and his seven grandchildren, who always brought an infectious smile to his face. Throughout his childhood, he enjoyed the annual family trip to Shawano Lake in Wisconsin. Mike was an extreme sports follower and an avid White Sox fan. He enjoyed traveling and gambling in Las Vegas, following the Chicago Bears to Nashville and New Orleans and touring through the beauty of fine places with family and friends. He was a loyal member of the Tiny Tap family and always brought a good time to those around him.

Michael fought the four-year battle with brain cancer with courage and dignity, always armed with strength. He will be missed by family and friends.

Surviving are his wife, of Bourbonnais; one son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Aimee Link, of Bourbonnais; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Neelie and Greg Panozzo, of Bourbonnais, and Becky and Steve Jefferson, of Kankakee; one sister, Sharon Link, of Kankakee; three brothers and three sisters-in-law, Donald and Pattie Link, of Kankakee, Paul and Deb Link, of San Jose, Calif.; Phillip and Mary Link, of Fergus Falls, Minn.; seven grandchildren, Mason Prairie, Mattie Prairie, Dominic Panozzo, Chloe Jefferson, Kaylee Jefferson, Olivia Jefferson, and Harper Link; his mother-in-law, Kay Lambert, of Bourbonnais; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais, with the Rev. Richard Pighini officiating. Cremation rites will be accorded following the services. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or the American Brain Tumor Association.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley - hkvcare.org or the American Brain Tumor Association- www.abta.org/

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **25**. 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

AUG **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Judith Bourland lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Link*



Judith Bourland - August 31, 2015 at 10:48 PM

JB

“ *Dear Shelly and family, I am so sorry for your loss, Mike fought a valient battle against his brain cancer. He had the love and support of his family, as well as a strong faith, that had to have given him the strength to walk this journey.*

I know your faith and love for Mike will carry you through your journey of grief and healing. Mike will always be with you in your heart and lives. I wish I had known him better.

Prayers are with you all.

Judy Bourland

Judith Bourland - August 31, 2015 at 10:47 PM

MJ

“ *Shelly - Thinking of you during this time and praying beautiful memories of the great times you and Mike shared help to ease your pain.*

Mileen

Mileen Joines - August 31, 2015 at 10:41 AM

TW

“ Terry Wilson lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Link



Terry Wilson - August 29, 2015 at 11:26 PM

RW

“ Rick & Cyndi Weaver lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Link



Rick & Cyndi Weaver - August 28, 2015 at 02:09 PM

RW

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family . Fond memories of Stranco picnics, a warm smile and a kind heart.

Rick & Cyndi Weaver - August 28, 2015 at 02:11 PM

PS

“ so sorry to hear of mikes passing. he was truly a great guy with a great family. the tiny tap will never be the same Paul Schmidt Tucson Arizona

paul schmidt - August 27, 2015 at 02:58 PM

AN

“ I really enjoyed staying the night and always going to breakfast with grandpa and grandma. We will still have these nights grandma! Love you ~ guess who



anonymous - August 26, 2015 at 09:04 PM

GF

“ Went thru high school, worked at A.O.Smith with Mike, Were Moose members, and we golfed together..... Mike was probably the most stand up guy I know..... he was a great person.

Gary Flowers - August 26, 2015 at 08:52 AM

LH

“ Shelly, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at the loss of Mike. Working for many years at Stranco with Mike has brought fond memories in the last few days. We had so much fun at the Stranco picnics and outings. I truly enjoyed walking out to production to talk with Mike and give Lippold a hard time. Mike always had a smile on his face and was always willing to lend a hand. He will truly be missed by many people. I know Mike will be watching over us with that smile and laugh of his. Mike fought a courageous battle, but is now at peace and at home with his heavenly father. God Bless you Mike.

Lynn Hartm - August 25, 2015 at 07:48 PM

TA

“ I pray Gods comfort for the whole family. Mr. Link was a very nice man. My son and I delivered the newspaper to him every single day. The family will be in my prayers. God bless

Tamara - August 25, 2015 at 05:02 PM

DW

“ *God's speed Mike.....*

Dave West - August 24, 2015 at 08:55 PM

SG

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Please know that many of your friends are praying for your family.. Shelley Gallagher*

Shelley Gallagher - August 24, 2015 at 08:08 PM

DK

“ *Dewey Kilbride lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Link*



Dewey Kilbride - August 24, 2015 at 05:57 PM

DK

Shelley & family. My deepest sympathies to all of you. Mike was a very fun person and always had a gentle smile on his face. He will be missed by all who's lives he touched.

Dewey Kilbride - August 24, 2015 at 05:59 PM

TS

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. I was Mike's mailman 3 times over the years, but I have known him since we were 19 yrs. old. Had some good laughs over the years. He will be missed. Tommy Simmons*

tommy simmons - August 24, 2015 at 05:48 PM

MS

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Link family; He was a very dear friend and good man, we were all blessed to have him in our lives. We shared alot of beers together along with the fun and great stories over the last 30+ years; he will be sadly missed. Monte and Donna Schweizer

Monte and Donna Schweizer - August 24, 2015 at 02:52 PM

MT

“ May God's peace and comfort fill you at this sad time. Prayers are with you.
Mary Otten Thomson



Mary Thomson - August 24, 2015 at 02:49 PM

CD

“ My Deepest condolences to Mike's family. Please know How truly sad I was to hear of his passing and how lucky he was to have such a loving family by his side through his battle
Thinking of you

carrie demarah. - August 24, 2015 at 02:42 PM

MA

“ Mary Allen lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Link



mary allen - August 24, 2015 at 02:37 PM

EL

“ *Eric Lippold lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Link*



Eric Lippold - August 24, 2015 at 02:32 PM

SI

“ *Sister Inga lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Link*



Sister Inga - August 24, 2015 at 12:24 PM

TW

“ *Mike was a great guy who lived life to its fullest. Will always remember the weekends and block parties on Meadows Court. He will be missed. Our love, thoughts and prayers go out to his wonderful family at this difficult time.*

The Windmiller Family

The Windmillers - August 24, 2015 at 12:10 PM

LN

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the entire family. He fought quite a battle !! We are sure that resting peacefully in Heaven was a welcome event for him after all he has been through....love and hugs to everyone.*
Jerry and Lori Naese

lori naese - August 24, 2015 at 11:37 AM

WM

“ *The Kankakee Westview Class of 1975 extends their deepest sympathy to our classmates brothers Phil and Paul Link and the entire Link family. Wishing you the strength, love, and Faith you need to get through this difficult time and may the Good Lord bless each of you with nothing but the best of your memories of this very special person in your life and lift your hearts up from sorrow.*



W. G. Maass - August 23, 2015 at 11:14 PM

MK

Paul and Phil...sending sympathy and prayers your way.

Marsha Kerschke - August 24, 2015 at 11:12 AM

JL

“ *Phil & Paul*

I saw that one of our mutual teenaged (way back!) friends mentioned your brother's passing on his Facebook page with a tribute to your brother. I've thought about you guys over the years.

Sorry for your loss.

*Jeff Lahners,
NW Indiana*

Jeff Lahners - August 22, 2015 at 03:33 PM

PT

Shelly, So sorry for your loss. I lost my dad 8/22/2015. He will also be at Clancy

Pat Tapp - August 22, 2015 at 04:14 PM

FM

So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.

fred & linda mancuso - August 23, 2015 at 10:50 AM

PD

Shelly, sorry for your loss. Praying for comfort 🙏

Pam Denault - August 23, 2015 at 03:01 PM

CS

Mike Link Family, A Special person remembered. A Great man honored. With Sympathy...Love David & Cathy Saenz, San Antonio, Texas.

Cathy Saenz - August 23, 2015 at 05:06 PM

RF

Ron & Rosalie loved him and you so very much. He will be mjsed so very much. Our prayers are with you and your family. God bless you all. Ron & Rosalie Flammond

RON FLAMMOND - August 23, 2015 at 10:58 PM

DC

Shelly, so sorry to hear about Mike. Prayers are with you and your family. Denise Coash

Denise Coash - August 27, 2015 at 07:41 AM