



Morris C. Menser

July 4, 1933 - April 15, 2011

Visitation for Morris C. Menser, 77, of Bradley, will be from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bradley.

Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. He died Friday (April 15, 2011) at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee.

Born July 4, 1933, in Hopkins County, Ky., Morris was the youngest child of William Lester Menser and Jennie Nixon Menser. After an adventurous childhood on the family farm, Morris graduated from Charleston. After graduation, he came to Kankakee, Ill., to visit a brother and here he met the true love of his life at the local Tasty Freeze. After completing his military service in the U.S. Army, Morris returned to Bradley to marry Arlene on March 22, 1955. Theirs would be a life spent together as they were each other's best friend. On March 20, 2011, God called Arlene home and on April 15, 2011, Morris was reunited with her.

After coming to Illinois, Mr. Menser worked as a supervisor at the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant and finally retired as a miller from J.R. Short Milling in 1998. In retirement, he collected cans, fed the squirrels and other animals, and was always finagling his next project.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Dwayne and Rhonda Menser, of Lawrenceville, Ga.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Debbie and John Dunlavey, and Diana Menser, all of Bourbonnais, and Donna and Jon Harris, of Bradley; five grandchildren, Jennifer Dunlavey, Stephanie Dunlavey, Michael Menser, Daniel Harris and Damon Harris; three great-grandchildren; and one brother and sister-in-law, Leo and Dean Menser, of Dawson Springs, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Hardie, Arvil, Elvis and Ernest Menser; and one sister, Geneva Menser Inglis.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 3:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

APR 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

JD

“Little I knew that morning, God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you. You did not go alone, for part of me went with you, the day God called you home. You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide, and though we cannot see you, you are always by our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again. You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide, and though we cannot see you, you are always by our side.”

Grandpa,

I take comfort in the fact that you are where you want to be. Next to Grandma in Heaven. My heart aches because I cannot change the past. I love you with all my heart and know that I think of you often. My memories can never be erased and I treasure them. I know we will meet again when it is my turn to join everyone in Heaven. Please keep looking over all of us and keep us all safe. You and Grandma have shown us all what true love is.

Love,
Jennifer

Jennifer Dunlavey - May 14, 2011 at 10:27 PM

MH

“My sincerest condolences to the family, I always liked your dad working with him at Short Milling, he was a good guy, never complained, always upbeat! When others would give up trying to make the milling process work out, your dad would just keep chugging along with the product, until it was just right!

Mark Hourihan - April 26, 2011 at 09:27 AM

DM

“ I have lost my Dad and my hero. Dad always valued his family above everything. He loved my Mom with all his heart and being and I believe as much as he wanted to be here for us and his brother (Leo), he just couldn't be apart from my Mom more than the 26 days they were apart. Now they are together for eternity. My Mom said she didn't know what she would do without Jesus and my Dad and now she is with both.

I've been lucky that my Dad has always been my hero. In 1976 he started at Short Milling unloading boxcars at the age of 42 after many years as a Building Supervisor at the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant where he wore a suit and tie and was in charge of more than 100 people. He said it was easy because being a good husband and Dad were more important titles to him than Supervisor. He said it is about who you are, not what you do.

Dad was a trusted advisor, friend in later years and always my hero. He always said do your best and no matter what the outcome, you can not fail. He valued integrity far above money and belongings. He said never do anything that will keep you from being able to look in mirror each morning when you shave and not have regrets.

He showed me how important it was to make sure your spouse is your best friend before anything else. I have been lucky to have been able to follow his advice.

Dad had opinions about everything and stories about most. He was passionate about his beliefs but also always wanted us to have opportunities and choices. He said it is not about what you do but that you get to choose your course instead of circumstances choosing it for you. He so much wanted all of us to be happy in our life and to be able to make our own choices. His heart was ALWAYS in the right place and he was proud of us all.

I have lost a part of me and I'll never be the same. I only know that I and all of us will be O.K. because my Dad and my Hero would

expect us to "HANDLE IT"

Dwayne Morris Menser - April 21, 2011 at 04:04 PM

TD

“ *From Mr&Mrs Timothy Dee God wil never leve you or forsate you lean on his unchanging hand for comfort & support*



Timothy Dee - April 18, 2011 at 02:36 PM

LS

*Darrel and I would like to say how sorry that we are for your lose. I have known your father Morris all my life .What a terrible thing for you all to go though after losing your Mother. But they are together now. May god help you though this . So sorry that I can not attend. But you all will be in our prays.
Linda Dunning Stinson,,,,, Leo and Dean's neice*

Linda Dunning Stinson - April 18, 2011 at 07:32 PM

LS

*Although it is difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help confort you tomorrow.
May God guide each and everyone of you though this time of sorrow , we will always be near and We loved you all very much. Morris was more than a brother, he was a very special friend. He always reminded me of things and times I had forgotten. We will miss the Sunday calls and the visits now. But Arlene and Morris will always be in our hearts and thoughts. Our thoughts and prays are with you now. God speed you though this. Love always Leo and Dean Menser*

Linda Dunning Stinson - April 18, 2011 at 07:47 PM