



Mose Arseneau

July 31, 1935 - November 19, 2020

Mose Arseneau, age 85, of Kankakee, passed away on November 19, 2020 at his home.

He born on July 31, 1935 in Kankakee, IL the son of Mose & Viola Bovie Arseneau.

Mose grew up in Kankakee. He graduated from St Patrick High School in 1954. After high school he enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving honorably from 1954-1957. He also participated in the Honor Flight to Washington DC in 2019.

Mose worked for Northern Illinois Gas for 31 years, retiring as a crew leader in 1993. He worked a second job for years supporting his family of 5 kids, as a bartender, first at the legendary Sully's restaurant and later at the Knights of Columbus ballroom.

Mose married Dolores Kilbride in 1959, in Kankakee. They were happily married for 61 years.

Mose was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee his entire life. He was a long-time 3rd Degree member of the Kankakee Knights of Columbus Council #754. He served in numerous capacities at the parish, being heavily involved in the old St Pat's Festivals. Mose was a volunteer for St. Mary's Hospital.

Mose coached his children as they were growing up, including the Petticoat Softball Leagues for his girls, and the Eastside Bulldogs Junior Football League for his boys. He was on the Board that moved the Eastside Bulldogs

from Beckman Park to a permanent home at River Road. Mose was a Past President of the St. Patrick Grade School Booster Club in the 1970's and the Bishop McNamara Catholic High School Huddle Club in the 1980's. Mose was a sitting board member of the Bishop McNamara High School Alumni Association. Mose was the current Board President and Trustee of the Kankakee Township Fire Protection District.

Mose was preceded in death by his father, Mose; his mother, Viola; and two sisters, Yvonne and Ilene.

Mose is survived by his wife, Dolores; two daughters, Renee (Harold) Streicher of Plainfield and Rhonda (Bill) Upman of Lees Summit, MO; three sons, Jeff (Debby) Arseneau of Frankfort, Mike (Danielle) Arseneau of Kankakee, and Todd (Tricia) Arseneau of Bourbonnais.

In addition, he is survived by his 21 grandchildren, Nick (Stephanie) Streicher, Ryan (Stacy) Streicher, Kirsten Streicher, Sean Streicher, Tom Upman, Sam Upman, William Upman, Anna Upman, Megan Arseneau, Lauren Arseneau, Jeff Arseneau, Lucas Arseneau, Jenna Arseneau, Andrew Arseneau, Matthew Arseneau, Tyler (Kate) Arseneau, Taylor Arseneau, Tara Arseneau; one great-grandchild, Emma Streicher; and 2 great-grandchildren on the way.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:30 a.m. funeral Mass on Monday, November 23, 2020 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Please practice all social distancing guidelines and wear a mask.

Inurnment will be held at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Bishop McNamara Catholic High School and the Kankakee Township Fire Protection District.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
428 S. Indiana
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-6716

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

LB

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Arseneau family on the loss of Mose. What a great leader of a great family! Todd & Mike, sorry about your Dad.*

Larry Brace

Larry Brace - November 25, 2020 at 07:42 PM

AR

“ *Our deepest sympathy for the entire family. Mose was an amazing, life loving man.*

Anne Reilly - November 23, 2020 at 08:33 AM



“ *Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Mose Arseneau.*



November 22, 2020 at 04:53 PM

VB

“ Our Deepest Sympathy to Dolores & family on the passing of Mose. He was a very kind man who I had the pleasure of knowing him when he was a volunteer at St. Mary's Hospital and he would come down to Central Stores to help deliver our products to the different departments. Also, working with Delores on catering event menus for Ladies Auxiliary. Mose & Delores are a sweet couple whom I am glad to have met. RIP Mose. 🕊️❤️



Vickie Bertrand - November 22, 2020 at 02:19 PM

BK

“ Bridget Kingsnorth sends her deepest sympathy and condolences to you, Dolores, and to your wonderful family. Many fond memories of you both and, of course, of your great children at school. Remembering you all in my love and prayers.

Bridget Kingsnorth - November 22, 2020 at 12:13 PM

MW

“ Our sincere condolences, Dolores, to you and your family. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Mose was a kind and wonderful man who was very supportive of our parish and school family. He will truly be missed. God bless and keep all of you and grant you the peace that Mose now knows. Sincerely, Michael and Virginia Wayer

Michael & Virginia Wayer - November 22, 2020 at 12:03 PM

RB

“ Sorry to learn of Mose's passing. My condolences to his family.

Bob Bovie, Mose's 2nd cousin.

Robert J Bovie - November 22, 2020 at 09:50 AM

RW

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Arseneau family. I worked many years ago with Mose and will always remember his kindness to a rookie(me). And of course his laugh and sense of humor! You are missed Mose.

Ron and Judy Walter

Ron Walter - November 21, 2020 at 08:23 PM

RL

“ Our sympathy for your loss. Mose was a very nice man and had a great smile and warm hello. We know he will be missed 🌸.

Ray and Ruth Landry - November 21, 2020 at 06:40 PM

KC

“ It is with great sadness that I can not be with you to honor him in his passing into our Lords' hands. I have always enjoyed giving him and (whats her name) a hard time. Please know that the whole family is in my heart and prayers. Sending virtual hugs. The world has lost a good man. Love to all.

Kathy Coglianese - November 21, 2020 at 06:15 PM

KB

“ So many great memories with Mose and Delores! Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to Delores and their family! He will be missed!
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ken and eloise bertrand - November 21, 2020 at 03:43 PM

KS

“ Condolences to Dolores and family. He was a great man, friendly. He will be missed. I knew him from Stmarys, good volunteer. Hugs&prayers.
Kathy Sullivan

Kathy Sullivan - November 21, 2020 at 01:03 PM

BR

“ Our sincere condolences to the Arsenau family. Mose was Mr. McNamara. What a great example he was for a giving man. Best regards from Bill & Mary Ruder.

Bill & Mary Ruder - November 21, 2020 at 12:50 PM

LR

“ A sad loss for family and friends. Mose was a true gentleman. My heartfelt sympathy to Dolores and family. Laurie Memenga Rentas

Laurie Rentas - November 21, 2020 at 10:24 AM



“ What a wonderful man Mose was! He and Dolores raised such a fine family, a great reflection on both of them. I got to know Mose when we worked together at Sully's in the 1970s. My prayers are with the Arseneau family during this difficult time.

Mary Jane Cleeland - November 21, 2020 at 07:51 AM

TA

“ Tom & Judy Andersen lit a candle in memory of Mose Arseneau



Tom & Judy Andersen - November 21, 2020 at 07:43 AM

WB

“ We all should aspire to have an obituary like Mr. Arseneau's. There is a place for him in Heaven. Wayne Bessette

Wayne Bessette - November 20, 2020 at 07:52 PM

AD

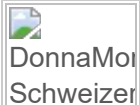
“ He was a great man that raised kids you could count on no matter what.

Anthony DeLong - November 20, 2020 at 06:06 PM



“ My family became acquainted with Mose and Dolores when our daughter, Debby Miller, married their son, Jeff Arseneau 30 years ago. From that time on, our family started hugging each other when we would be together at any celebrations; birthday parties, first communions, graduations, etc, because that was what the Arseneau family did. We watched their grand children grow up with ours, and they welcomed us into their lives with open arms. Mose, you will always be remembered with love down here in southern Illinois. Georgia Miller

Georgia Miller - November 20, 2020 at 04:39 PM



DonnaMonte Schweizer

“ Our Hearts and Thoughts go out to All the Arseneau Family! Pops Arseneau is a Great Human Being who always treated every one of the Friends with Respect and Care. The World has lost a Beautiful Soul and Heaven has gained a Great Angel. Hugs and Love to All of You. RIP Pops Arseneau. You will be Missed by All who were Blessed to know You!

DonnaMonte Schweizer - November 20, 2020 at 04:39 PM

AL

“ *Jeff, so sorry for your loss. My condolences to you and your family.*
Alison Lach



alison lach - November 20, 2020 at 04:08 PM

RH

“ *Rick Hanson lit a candle in memory of Mose Arseneau*



Rick Hanson - November 20, 2020 at 04:03 PM

MM

“ *I've known Mose since 1972 through working at Aqua. He lived a few houses from one of our wells in Skyline Subdivision We would talk on occasion then, several years later His son Mike Married mi Niece Danielle. He was a very nice guy and we had a lot of the same interests. He will be missed by all that knew him!*

Marty Martin - November 20, 2020 at 04:01 PM

MW

“ *Sending deepest sympathy to all. Mr. Arseneau worked with my father James Worby at Gas company. I enjoyed listening to all the stories/jokes/memories they shared. May God bless all of you.*

Marian Worby - November 20, 2020 at 02:49 PM

MS

“ 11/20 My sincere condolences to Dolores and all the Arseneau family on the loss of their beloved patriarch. Mose and my brother Bob Schierholz were high school best friends and enlisted together after high school graduation and served in the Air Force. Mose spent a lot of time at our house during their high school years. The St. Patrick High Class of 1954 was very close and friendships endured. Mose was a wonderful warm person and a devoted husband and loving father. The world has lost a very good man. May God hold him in the palm of His hand. Rest in peace, Mose. Loving prayers from Merrill Ann Schierholz Seal

Merrill Seal - November 20, 2020 at 01:36 PM

AP

“ I will always remember that smile and his love of life. Truly one of the best and I am blessed to have Mose and Dolores as my Godparents. Young Jack said "he was like another grandpa to me". I can't help but smile when I think of him reunited with my Dad. The best bartenders there ever were work in Heaven. :) You will be forever loved and deeply missed by our family. We love you Mose!

Andy Purcell - November 20, 2020 at 11:18 AM

MM

I have some good memories of working with Moses. He was a good man with a great sense of humor .

Michael Marcotte - November 22, 2020 at 07:07 PM