



Neil E. "Gene" Baber

September 13, 1930 - January 20, 2017

Neil E. "Gene" Baber, age 86, of Bourbonnais passed away Friday, January 20, 2017 at Presence Heritage Village. He was born September 13, 1930 in Chicago, the son of Virgil A. and Sadie McNeil Baber. He married Mardelle M. Hackley Wischnowski in 1979 in Tinley Park.

Neil worked at Caterpillar for 30 years. He enjoyed woodworking and fishing. He was also a member of Bradley Evangelical United Methodist Church. Surviving are his wife, Mardelle M. Baber of Kankakee; three sons, Gary Baber of Decatur, Bob (Ginny) Baber of Trumbull, Connecticut, and Mark Baber of Chicago; one step-son, Alan (Fay) Wischnowski of Coco, Florida; one step-daughter, Linda Nealis of Downers Grove; two sisters, Doris Bertinetti of Tinley Park and Huberta "Sis" Vaughn of Georgia; one brother, Hubert "Sonny" Baber of Mattoon; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy Baber; two brothers, Donald and Charles "Bud" Baber; and one step-son, Harvey Wischnowski.

A visitation will be held from 10:30 a.m. until the 12:00 noon service Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Interment will be at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Funeral Service

JAN 24. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ so sorry to hear of Neals psssing ! He was a great neighbor & we really enjoyed talking with him over the years
Prayers to his wife and family !!
We will miss him !
Fred , Linda & Eric Mancuso

fred manual - January 25, 2017 at 05:48 PM

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“ We were so blessed to have Uncle Gene in our family. He was the sort of uncle that every kid wants-- caring and gentle, with a playful twinkle in his eyes. I am sure we nieces all have memories of pulled ponytails and gentle teasing. My favorite memory is of the family watching his grandson, who was about a year old, dancing in Gene and Mardelle's family room. Uncle Gene was delighted and so proud. But I will also always remember how much he loved each of his children and grandchildren. He was so proud that he almost glowed when he spoke of them. The last time I talked to him he asked me several times to tell everyone that he loves them, and I promised I would. So, to his siblings, children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, I will say what I'm sure you know: he loves us all and will forever be part of our lives. God bless you, Uncle Gene.

Rebecca Di Clemente - January 24, 2017 at 06:13 PM

 Karen
Holowka

“ Our condolences and love in the loss of Uncle Gene. May Christ give to all of you His strength and peace. Love, Steve and Karen



Karen Holowka - January 24, 2017 at 08:17 AM