



O. John Poskin

July 13, 1930 - May 14, 2009

Visitation for O. John Poskin Jr. 78, of Kankakee, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday. The Rev. Dennis Settles will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or to the Veterans Administration. He died Thursday (May 14, 2009) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, following a short illness. Mr. Poskin retired from the U.S. Navy after 21 years of service. He had also been a police dispatcher for the city of Kankakee for 11 years. He was born July 13, 1930, in Kankakee, the son of Oral J. Sr. and Emma Gaydos Poskin. His wife, the former Eadie Jain, is deceased. He was a member of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church; a lifetime member of the Moose; and a member of the Kankakee VFW Post 2857. He was an avid Cubs and Bears fan. He loved working crossword puzzles, gardening and reading the Bible. Surviving are one son, Michael Poskin and his fiancée, Patty Hammen of Bonfield; one daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Russell Mather of Kankakee; six stepchildren, Linda Jain of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Lee and Debbie Dresser of Sandusky, Ohio, Debbie Lavelle and her fiancé, Brice Cooke of Bradley, Theresa Jain and partner, April Lynn of Orlando, Fla., Patti Galeaz of Herscher, David and Tana Jain of Bourbonnais; stepdaughter-in-law and son-in-law, Mary and Dave Grise of Bradley; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; his mother, Emma Taylor of Chicago; one sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Frank Lasch of Chicago;

many nieces and nephews; and special friend, Leona Walters of Bourbonnais. Deceased are his father; stepfather, Alan Taylor; granddaughter, Lisa Grise; and mother-in-law, Theresa Langguth.

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“ *Debbie Jain and family - so very sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Bill Maass##imported-end##*

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“ *Mike, Sorry to learn of you Dad's passing. I½ know you loved and respected him very much. I½ I'll try to get together with you next time I'm in town.##imported-begin##Jerry Bjick##imported-end##*

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“ *John Poskin was always a stalwart leader and most capable and dependable Emergency Telecommunicator for the City of Kankakee, with steady hand on the helm, and decisive orders when the situation required. I½ Fair Winds and Following Seas to you, Chief Petty Officer Poskin, your place in the Mess will be forever missed by your Brother Chiefs. I½ Thank you for your service to your Country, Chief, and Welcome Home from Vietnam.

##imported-begin##Ron Riml##imported-end##*

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“ I worked for many years with John as a dispatcher at the Kankakee Police Department. He was always a gentle person, he never did anything that was out of line, we worked many shifts together, I remember that John always liked a joke or two every so often.

As the Dispatcher's at that time did not know of the 911 system, we worked in the 1980's with 1970 radios and phones, I can remember assisting him with the LEADS system, many fond memories.

O. John Poskin is now 10-42, and may our thoughts and prayers be with his family during this time.

Doug Schnell

KPD/KFD telecommunicator 1980-1989##imported-begin##Doug Schnell##imported-end##

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“ Debbie,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. ĩ½We are here if you need us.

Sheryl##imported-begin##Sheryl Mitchell##imported-end##

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“ You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers, Debbie. I trust you will find strength, yet peace in this trying time.##imported-begin##Gina Beard##imported-end##

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“ "Pos" and I worked together at the Police Department dispatching 911 calls. ĩ½Pos knew his job and he did it well. ĩ½I have great memories of him, and I'm sure you all do also. ĩ½You have my sympathy and prayers for your loss.##imported-begin##Natalie Netherton##imported-end##

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“ *The Kankakee Westview Class of 1975 extends our deepest sympathy, love and friendship to our classmate, Deb Jain Lavelle, on the loss of her second Father. May nothing but the best of memories fill your head on those days when thoughts and heart turn his way -##imported-begin##Westview Class of 1975##imported-end##*

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