



## Omer J. Rivard Jr.

October 13, 1925 - March 9, 2011

Visitation for Omer J. "Bud" Rivard Jr., 85, of Kankakee, will be from 9 a.m. Monday at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, Kankakee, until the 11 a.m. celebration of the funeral Mass. The Rev. Charles Wheeler will officiate. Cremation rites have been accorded. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church. He died Wednesday (March 9, 2011) at ManorCare Health Services. Arrangements are by the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee.

Mr. Rivard worked at Gould National Battery, Mortell's and for the state of Illinois. After retiring, he worked at Tiny Tap part time and at County West Nursery. He was born Oct. 13, 1925, in Bradley, the son of Omer Sr. and Frances Milakovich Rivard. His wife, the former Marjorie White, whom he married June 20, 1946, in Kankakee, died Dec. 8, 2009. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1943, doing basic training at Great Lakes Naval Base and going to flight school in San Diego, Calif. He was assigned to the USS Tamalpa. His ship had the honor of being in the Bay of Japan when the peace treaty was signed. He was awarded the Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal and the Asiatic Campaign Medal. He coached girls' softball at St. Martin of Tours School. He loved his grandchildren and loved attending all of their sporting events. He enjoyed playing baseball.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Robert and Debbie Rivard, of Rio Rancho, N.M., and William Rivard, of Aroma Park; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Jo Ann and John Glenzinski, of Santa Fe, N.M., Suzan and Carl Wilkens, of Kankakee, Chelle and John Griffiths, of Hendersonville, N.C., Patty Glenzinski, of Kankakee, and Cathy and Barry Messer, of Bourbonnais; 10 grandchildren, Quinn Glenzinski, Erin and Rebecca Rivard, Katie Marchetti, Laura Janczak, Steve Wilkins, Sarah Hartman, and Mary, Tim and Adam Messer; seven great-grandchildren, Norah Glenzinski-Bufford, Rylie and Reese Hartman, Livvie and Adalynn Wilkens, Lambeau Janczak and Mia Marchetti; three sisters, Anne Azzarelli, of Georgia, Rose Rivard, of Bourbonnais, and Frances "Itsy" Matthews, of Martinton; and one brother and sister-in-law, William and Audie Rivard, of Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, James Rivard; one son-in-law, Leonard Glenzinski; and one sister, Pauline Andrews.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAR 14. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Memorial Mass

MAR 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church  
953 S. 9th Avenue  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-7177

# Tribute Wall

LR

“ *My deepest sympathies go out to the Rivard family. Bud was my father's first cousin. My most favorite memory is that boy could throw a party. Of course us Rivards were the definition of party....! I will forever miss your funny stories and jokes that made us all laugh. May peace and solace be bestowed upon you.*  
*With Greatest sympathy and apologies for the delay*  
*Lisa Rivard - Tollard*



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**Lisa Rivard-Tollard** - July 19, 2011 at 08:55 PM

RR

“ *Robert Rivard lit a candle in memory of Omer J. Rivard Jr.*



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**Robert Rivard** - March 17, 2011 at 08:16 PM

JD

“ Growing up on Harvard Avenue, the Messer/Rivard family was an extension of my family... or maybe, more accurately, the Irps children were an extension of the Messer/Rivard family. I can often recall "Grandpa Bud" hanging around at the house, enjoying his family, always with a smile on his face.

My sincere sympathies go out to Bud's family. The Messer family has been a second family to me for over 20 years, and I wish them faith in knowing that he is with Jimmy, Marge, and Lenny; and that he is looking over you all until you meet again.

God Bless you all.

Love always,

Jessica (Irps) D'Ambrosio

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**Jessica D'Ambrosio** - March 14, 2011 at 08:47 AM

ME

“ My Sympathies Go Out To each & every one of Bud's Kids & Family Members. I remember the countless hours I'd spend at your house, I think I spent almost every weekend at your house when Chelle & I were growing up! I always looked so forward to Friday nights when Bud would cook us a 'John's Pizza' & cut it with those big scizzors!! I thought that was the neatest thing ever!!! Don't believe I've ever had a better frozen pizza since then!! He just had his 'special touch'!! And that good ol 'Packard', Wow, what wonderful memories at the Rivard's House, I always looked forward to spending the night there! He will be greatly missed by many who knew his wonderful, kind-hearted way, God Bless You All & may you know he is now in Paradise with Jimmy & Marge!! Love To All Of You, Mary McGrath

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**Mary E. McGrath** - March 13, 2011 at 10:21 AM

ME

“ *Mary E. McGrath lit a candle in memory of Omer J. Rivard Jr.*



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**Mary E. McGrath** - March 13, 2011 at 10:06 AM

SH

“ *There are sooo many memories that I have of my grandpa Bud. He was full of life and so spirited. He always had a joke or wise crack that just made you laugh. He was kind, caring, and compassionate. He was selfless. My grandpa would come to the house every day during summer to clean the pool at our house on Lincoln. We would all wait at the edge of the pool to jump in. When grandpa would throw a handful of change into the water, we knew it was time. We would all dive in to see which coins we could grab! It was also so neat to see him with the great-grandchildren. His face would LIGHT UP and his gorgeous baby blues would sparkle when he saw them. Those are some of the memories that I will cherish forever. I love you Grandpa Bud and although I will miss you, I know that you will be forever in my heart.*

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**Sarah Hartman** - March 12, 2011 at 06:00 PM

JB

“ *Dear Joanne and family, We were so sorry to hear of Omer's death. He was a very nice man. He took videos of our 50th wedding anniversary day. We love to watch them . He did a great job! Love Clem & Joanie Barry*

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**Joan Barry** - March 12, 2011 at 04:42 PM

RF

“ *Condolences to the family of Omer Rivard. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Ron & Rosalie Flammond*

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**Ron Flammond** - March 12, 2011 at 01:16 PM

DH

“ *My love and prayers are with the Rivard family. Diana Hooker-Coryell*

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**Diana Hooker-Coryell** - March 12, 2011 at 11:53 AM



“ *My you rest in peace Randy*

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**Randy Brown** - March 12, 2011 at 11:16 AM

DI

“ *Diann lit a candle in memory of Omer J. Rivard Jr.*



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**Diann** - March 11, 2011 at 03:10 PM