



## Orville Gene Menard

February 5, 1930 - September 28, 2009

Orville Gene Menard, 79, of Springfield, died Monday (Sept. 28, 2009) at the Memorial Medical Center in Springfield. He was born Feb. 5, 1930, in Kankakee, the son of Orville and Lucille O'Connor Menard. He was a graduate of St. Patrick High School in Kankakee and attended the University of Chicago. Mr. Menard retired as an examiner after 33 years of service for the Federal Home Loan Bank Board of Chicago. He was a member of Christ the King Parish in Springfield. He was also a member of AARP and NARFE. Mr. Menard married Helen Connor Tepe on Dec. 19, 1970, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kankakee. He is survived by his wife, Helen Menard of Springfield; one sister, Elaine Battaglia of Crete; nephews, Nicholas Battaglia of Park Forest, Tony Battaglia of Crete; niece, Gina Febbiana of Crete; and many cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents. He was an avid sports fan. He played semiprofessional baseball after completing college and enjoyed traveling throughout the U.S. and foreign countries. He also enjoyed genealogical research. He was a local supporter of high school sports, mainly Sacred Heart and Springfield Griffin. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, 295 Main St. NW, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at St. James Catholic Church in Irwin. Interment will follow in St. James Cemetery, Irwin. Memorials may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association of Illinois or to the parish of the donor's choice. Thank you to the staff at Lewis Memorial Christian Village.



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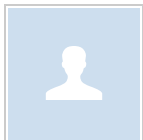
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“ To Mrs. Menard, Tony B. and Family,<br><br><br><br>I am so sorry about the loss of Mr. Menard. I have very fond memories of Mr. Menard from growing up on Warson Rd. I have<br><br><br><br>I hope you all know you are in my thoughts and prayers.<br><br><br>Sincerely,<br><br>Bissi DiCenso<br><br><br><br>##imported-begin##Bissi DiCenso##imported-end##

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“ Dear Helen:<br><br>I am so very sorry to read of Gene's passing. Its been a long time since you have been able to come to church. You have always been in our prayers. My personal thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. God bless you and keep you under his wings. Tuck.##imported-begin##Tuck Belton##imported-end##

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“ We are so sorry to hear that Gene has passed away. Helen, you are in our thoughts and prayers. <br><br><br><br>Love<br><br>Colleen & Madonna & Jeff & Barry & Connor##imported-begin##Colleen OConnor-Jackson##imported-end##

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“ Helen, I was so sorry to learn of Gene's death. I know that he has suffered for many years, especially recently. All of my children talk about growing up on Warson Road and have fond memories of living across the street from you and Gene. You were always great neighbors. While I realize funeral services will not be in Springfield, please let me know when you return home and if I can be of any help to you. Again, I am so sorry for your loss. I I##imported-begin##Doris##imported-end##

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