



Perry B. Stefani

August 11, 1918 - July 12, 2017

Perry B. Stefani, 98 years young, of Bourbonnais, was ushered into Heaven by his family and friends on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at Riverside Assisted Living in Bourbonnais.

Perry was born August 11, 1918 in DeKalb, the son of Italian immigrants, Bernardo & Cesira Stefani.

Perry graduated from DeKalb Township High School in 1936, where he was president of his class. He served in the U.S. Infantry and U.S. Air Force during WWII. Perry reached the rank of Sergeant and was stationed in Texas then later sent to Europe for active duty service. After the war, Perry opened and operated Kankakee Auto Sales for 57 years. The car lot would not have lasted so long if not for the help of his best friends, Rocky Soucie and Del Mailloux.

Perry is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Kim & Patty Stefani of Rowlett, TX; two daughters and one son-in-law, Candy Carlson of Greenville, SC and Jill & Dave Smith of Kansas City, MO; and his devoted friend and advocate, Marian Golemo. Perry is also survived by six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Ruthie; his parents; one brother, Reno; two sisters, Lilly and Nellie; and one son-in-law, Bruce Carlson.

Perry was proud of his family, his friends, and service to his country.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at Kankakee Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Aroma Township.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

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

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 15. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ Gosh, the memories are many. The Stefani "Girls" always drove the coolest cars, Ruthie's convertibles taking all us Brats to Manteno Beach in the summer, the yellow fifty something Buick was my favorite. Perry always made time for all us neighborhood kids, hitting us fly balls in the backyard, shooting hoops, playing horse or pig in the driveway, dressing up as Santa Christmas morning walking down Weft Street with Sugar at his heels or eating watermelon on back patio seeing who could spit the seeds the farthest. Kim, Candy and Jill rest assured your Dad (and Mom) lives on in some of the fondest memories of my childhood. Hope all is well with all your families,
With Love
Mark Bloome

Mark Bloome - July 14, 2017 at 05:51 PM

LS

“ Dear Stefani family, I too have many wonderful memories of you all as neighbors growing up in the 60s early 70s. Everyone was welcome at the Stefani's. It was the place to be. I remember your dog Sugar and the cat I believe Sam. Ruthie was the sweetest mother on the block and had time for everyone. My sincerest condolences to Kim, Candy, and Jill. What a blessing your father was to so many. Lorna Bloome Scoggins-

lorna bloome scoggins - July 14, 2017 at 06:12 AM



Condolences to Kim, Jill, and Candy, your father was a good man. My first instance of hospitality was a pirate-themed birthday party I attended for Kim. And my first experience with the 'Hokey Pokey' conducted by Mrs. Stefani.

William Hardesty - July 14, 2017 at 10:16 AM

LS

Just remembered Perry dressing up as Santa on Christmas and walking down our lane to the delight of everyone. Could someone post an address of email me? I would like to send a card and my mother Maxine would like to send her condolences as well. My email address is scoggins.lorna@yahoo.com

lorna bloome scoggins - July 14, 2017 at 02:12 PM

RA

“ *I spent a large part of my childhood in the Stefani home. I am honored to have known such fine people. They treated us as if we were their own. We would play ping pong in the basement, build snow men in the front yard. Heck I could draw a floor plan of the house ! My dad seldom bought a car from anyone else. After all these years I would still stop to see him from time to time before he retired. But more than anything, I remember their kindness, and ALWAYS will.*

Randy O'Connor

randy - July 13, 2017 at 10:35 PM

LS

Such a great neighborhood growing up!

lorna bloome scoggins - July 14, 2017 at 06:32 AM

RO

“ *My Dear Cub Fan,*

*It was a gift being just a small part of your life!
The time we spent together will be cherished forever!
You are and will always be in my heart!
God Bless You and Your Beautiful Family!*

*Love You!
Your Sox Fan!*



Rose - July 13, 2017 at 09:24 PM

LA

“ My thoughts and prayers go to Perrys family and friends. I had the great honor of being a housekeeper for Perry, but am proud to say turned into a wonderful friendship talking about the Cubbies and sharing an ice cold Sprite!! Will miss you dearly and may you RIP my friend!!!💜💜

Laurie St. Aubin - July 13, 2017 at 07:20 PM



“ Perry was my favorite person to talk Cubs with. He was such a caring and compassionate person. Rest in peace, Perry.

Anna Smith - July 13, 2017 at 07:06 PM

TC

“ What a true gem this man was! I had the privileged of being a neighbor to (if only for a short time) and work with Perry in a clinical setting. He was always a true bright spot in any day. I know that he will be missed by his family and friends greatly. I am thankful for the impact he made on my life.

Tori Coffman - July 13, 2017 at 06:28 PM

JG

“ I went all through school with Candy, and I have fond memories of time spent at the Stefani home. Both Ruthie and Perry were always so nice to us kids. My sincere sympathies to the entire family. You were blessed with two great parents.

Joan (Holz) Giroux

Joan Giroux - July 13, 2017 at 04:09 PM

KP

“ *I had the honor of meeting Perry and getting to know him from being one of his nurses. we often talked about the cubbies and he was proud of his cubs shirts. RIP it was an honor to know you.*



Kristie Panozzo - July 13, 2017 at 11:08 AM