



Ralph J. Klein

May 6, 1938 - December 19, 2023

Ralph J. Klein, age 85, of Bourbonnais, passed away peacefully on December 19, 2023, at Heritage Village, Kankakee. He was born May 6, 1938, in Morris, the son

of Joseph and Margaret (Bitter) Klein. Ralph married Joan Brocksmith on September 7, 1991, in Kankakee.

Ralph served his country for six years in the United States Army. His subsequent

career included many years as manager of Crawford (subsequently, Inland) Supply

Company in Kankakee, and later, Chief Engineer at Shapiro

Developmental Center. Ralph also was liaison to local unions for the Kankakee

and Iroquois Plumbing and Piping Contractors Association.

Ralph was a longtime member of the Shriners International, serving a term as president. He was deeply involved with the Y's Men's Club service group of the

Kankakee Area YMCA. Ralph also was a church elder and deacon in the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Kankakee. Ralph was a pilot and

a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), and a charter member of the Kankakee Valley Boat Club.

Surviving is his wife, Joan of Bourbonnais; three sons, Michael Klein (Shawn Frechette) of Miami, Florida, Joseph (Alina) Klein of Miami, Florida, and Gregg (Michelle) Klein of Superior, Colorado; one stepson, Paul Brocksmith of Evanston;

one sister, Elaine Johnson of Morris; and three grandchildren, Ashley, Audrey, and

Harrison Klein.

Ralph is preceded in death by his parents, and a grandson, Baron Klein.

Cremation rites will be accorded.

Inurnment will be held at a later date at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, Illinois.

Arrangements are being handled by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Bourbonnais.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Tribute Wall

BW

“ Sorry for your loss Joan and families, Cares and Prayers to all!!
Dana and Bob

bobby warhurst - January 09, 2024 at 04:16 PM

PH

“ Ralph was a good brother and friend. He will be greatly missed.

PARK HOLLENBECK - December 31, 2023 at 04:10 PM

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“ Scott Salzman Salzmans Plumbing & Heating
lit a candle in memory of Ralph J. Klein



Scott salzman Salzmans plumbing & Heating - December 27, 2023 at 10:03 PM

MH

“ Ralph had many skills, and making friends was one of them. My sympathy to Joan and his family . May good memories fill your hearts at this time.

Marsha and Lee Hill - December 27, 2023 at 06:53 PM

DP

“ *A sad day for those that were privileged to have known Ralph Klein.
A dreary day became much brighter when you saw his smile and
heard his voice.*

We lost a good man today.

Our sincere sympathy to his Family.

Dick and Sharon Panozzo

Dick and Sharon Panozzo - December 27, 2023 at 01:23 PM

RH

“ *Rick Hanson lit a candle in memory of Ralph
J. Klein*



Rick Hanson - December 27, 2023 at 11:09 AM

JG

“ *Joseph Giacchino lit a candle in memory of
Ralph J. Klein*



Joseph Giacchino - December 26, 2023 at 02:07 PM