



## Ralph St. Pierre

February 24, 1923 - September 17, 2010

Visitation for Ralph St. Pierre, 87, formerly of Bourbonnais, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Kankakee. Memorials may be made for Masses or to the Telephone Pioneers to donate to "All Children Need Shoes." He died Friday (Sept. 17, 2010) at Lee Manor Nursing Home in Des Plaines. Mr. St. Pierre, well known as the "French Yodeler," was a popular square dance instructor and caller in the Chicago area and nationally for 48 years. He also was a line dance instructor in the Kankakee area. He retired as a foreman from Illinois Bell Telephone Company after 35 years of service. He was one of the charter members of the Illinois Bell Pioneers and was very active in their charity work for the "All Children Need Shoes" organization. Mr. St. Pierre was a veteran of World War II, serving as a sergeant in the U.S. Army Signal Corps as a high-speed radio operator. He was born Feb. 24, 1923, in Winnipeg, Canada. Surviving are his wife, his high school sweetheart, the former Theresa Perreault, whom he married Oct. 3, 1943, at St. James Catholic Church in Irwin; two sons, Gary St. Pierre of Bloomingdale, and Duane St. Pierre of Inverness; two daughters and one son-in-law, Juanita St. Pierre of Elk Grove Village, and Denise and Dennis Hirth, of Phoenix, Ariz.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene St. Pierre and Lucille Besse DeLude; and two sisters, Amanda Onstott and Jeanette

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“ *Ralph was one of the most pleasant people I've ever known. I worked with and for him, and respected him greatly. ĩ½Rest in peace.##imported-begin##Jim Puswaskis##imported-end##*

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“ *We enjoyed many years dancing with Ralph. We belonged to Circlr 8 in Watseka but danced a lot in Kankakee. Some of the best memories we have came from square dancing.<br><br><br><br>You have our deepest sympathy for your loss.##imported-begin##Gene & Carol Froelich##imported-end##*

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time.<br><br><br><br>Carolyn Elsen##imported-begin##Carolyn Elsen##imported-end##*

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“ *<br><br><br><br>Sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Ron Ramsey##imported-end##*

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“ *Ralph was a very special man, made everyone enjoy his yodeling and calling.<br><br>Our condolences to the family. ĩ½##imported-begin##Carmin and Betty Seitzinger##imported-end##*

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“ *So sorry Ralph God speed you will be missed<br><br>From your friends at Asbury Court Betty, Millie, Kathy, Elaine and Ruth<br><br>##imported-begin##Betty Trent##imported-end##*

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“ *Theresa & Family: ĩ½We are so sorry to hear about Ralph. ĩ½You have our deepest sympathy. ĩ½He always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. ĩ½<br><br><br><br>We have been out of town and were unable to come to see you.##imported-begin##Charlie & Mary Denault##imported-end##*

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“ Ralph was a good friend with my grandparents (Ozzie & Darlene Hartman) and I was just remembering all the memories and stories of them guys square dancing. The one thing is that he is calling square dancing right now heaven for my grandparents and the rest of the crew. that is up there. i;½He will be missed and my thoughts and prayers go to the family.##imported-begin##Chip Thurston##imported-end##

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“ The Greatest Gift I ever had, came from <br><br>GOD. I call him Dad.##imported-begin##Juanita St. Pierre##imported-end##

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“ Theresa and family: i;½<br><br><br><br>So sorry to hear about the loss of Ralph. i;½We want to offer our sympathy and prayers to you and your family at this time of loss.##imported-begin##Eleanor Leriger and family##imported-end##

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