



Raymond C. Auer

July 29, 1950 - November 8, 2013

Raymond C. Auer, 63, of Bourbonnais, passed away Friday (Nov. 8, 2013) at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will follow at 11 a.m. at Maternity BVM Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. Father Richard Pighini will officiate. Burial will be in Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside. He was born July 29, 1950, in St. Louis, Mo., the son of Robert and Margaret Ederer Auer. He married Joanne Leahy in April of 1989 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in St. Louis.

Mr. Auer received a bachelor's degree in economics from Blackburn College in Carlinville, where he was captain of the soccer team, played soccer all four years, and was a member of the tennis and track teams. He was a member of Maternity BVM Catholic Church. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan.

Surviving are his wife, Joanne, of Bourbonnais; one son, Sean Auer, of Bourbonnais; his parents, of St. Louis; four sisters and brothers-in-law Diane and Tony Fischer, Roberta Evans, Barb and Ron Boyer, and Mary and Ed Smith, all of St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Terry Evans.

Cemetery Details

Queen of Heaven

1400 S. Wolf Rd.
Hillside, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

NOV 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

ST

“ I am reminded that attitudes are contagious. I was fortunate to meet Ray while he and Joanne lived in Rockford, Illinois. Ray came to the public library as a volunteer in the early 1990s in which he helped me with a data entry project. It was sad for me to see the project end since Ray's smile and warmth brightened our office. In the midst of life's difficulties, I am reminded that God's love is near. I join with you in grief but am heartened that Ray's journey was heaven bound.

Steven Thompson - March 31 at 05:48 PM

JF

“ I went to Bishop DuBourg High School with Ray. I had a huge crush on him, but to my dismay he only regarded me as a friend. :) I remember him as a great guy who was nice to everyone. I was just randomly looking up people from my high school, and came across this link. From the tributes I read, Ray was highly regarded by all and had a wonderful family, which I was happy to hear. I want to extend my sympathy for your loss. Sincerely,
Joan (Wilbers) Fell
Tracy, California

Joan Fell - May 20, 2018 at 09:40 PM

JP

“ Though it is now April 7, 2014, I have just seen an announcement of Ray's passing in the Bishop DuBourg High School Cavalier Magazine. I went to high school with Ray, and danced with him at family gatherings when my Kufa/Schaefer Carlinville relatives crossed paths with Ray's attendance at Blackburn. He would swing into Bob Pieschel Jeweler's at 6818 Gravois, in south St. Louis, saying 'hi' to my watchmaker/jeweler dear dad and my sprite Irish mom, and drive me around the block just for fun! We shared visits in the hospital, at the house, and in rehab. He inspired many homemade cards and always flashed that "spark", which I see in his photo, remained fully active, one of his many gifts to the world! Well Ray, geeeee...farewell old friend. Blessings to your wife and son, and to your family. I'm sure my sister Sue would add similar sentiments. I'll call her soon. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers.
Judy Pieschel
Lenox, Massachusetts

Judy Pieschel - May 07, 2014 at 05:24 PM

FS

“ To all of Ray's family:
I'm so sorry to hear of Ray's death. I'm his cousin but haven't seen him in many years. He's been an inspiration to many in overcoming adversities, always with a smile. You are all in my prayers.
Fran (Casey) Stricker
Sacramento, CA

Fran Stricker - November 20, 2013 at 10:19 PM

EL

“ We have so many wonderful memories of Ray from our time together at Blackburn college. I can see him so clearly on those golden afternoons of college soccer - the excitement following Ray and his teammates as they dominated the field. They were such a tight group and seemed as if they could make that ball do whatever they wanted with their footwork and precision passing. I had never seen anything like it, and Ray was always in the middle of it. I spent more time with Ray at the basketball score table as he kept the official scorebook and I kept the stats for Dale Snyder. He was always so personable and funny. I remember during one halftime when he told me the secret of hitch hiking. "Just put on a white shirt and white shorts and carry a tennis raquet. A sweatband doesn't hurt. You'll get a ride every time." He had a good heart and was not full of himself, though he was certainly a main player on campus. My husband and I are so sorry for your loss and send you our condolences. Elaine and Bill Link

Elaine Link - November 13, 2013 at 04:27 PM

MC

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BB

“ I've been a nurse for over 20 years which means Ray is not my first client to pass, but Ray became more than a patient, I came to think of Ray as a friend. I'll never lose the memories of watching soccer, baseball and going to the Bears camps. When we were at the soccer game and it was just the 2 of us together I asked him what he thought and he said it reminded him how much he missed playing all I could say was Me too, a couple of old jocks enjoying the memories. Well by now he is back running up and down the field again with a bunch of Soccer Sissies. I will miss you my friend, Your Rugby Buddy Bryan J. Barrett, RN

Bryan Barrett - November 12, 2013 at 08:24 PM

DB

“ Ray was a best friend of my brother, Dan Borgard. Ray used to carry me on his shoulders while he and Danny were playing basketball in the schoolyard of OLS. Everyone who knew Ray loved him, his smile and easy way with people. A light has gone out in this world with the loss of Ray, but I know my mom and dad, Kit and Bus, will be right there ready to welcome him to Heaven, my dad will be shaking his hand and patting him on the shoulder saying, "welcome, Raymond!" We all loved Ray, he was an inspiration
Debby Borgard Buffa

Debby Borgard Buffa - November 12, 2013 at 05:12 PM

DH

“ Joanne and Sean,
Our family was saddened to hear of Ray's passing. It was always such a pleasure to talk with him when he was out and about for a stroll. We are sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Larry, Diane and Emily Hurst

Diane Hurst - November 12, 2013 at 01:49 PM

TW

*My family is filled with sorrow at the passing of Ray. We are so sorry for your loss! You are in our prayers.
Tallman, Karen and Gabrielle Whitley*

Tallman Whitley - November 14, 2013 at 04:44 PM

SF

“ *Dear Joanne and Sean,
Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May Ray be enjoying peace.
Love,
Sr. Joan Barbara and Sr. M. Bernice
(the 'Villa' Sisters)*



Sr. Joan Barbara Fenton, O.P. - November 12, 2013 at 01:02 PM

TC

“ *It was a pleasure getting to know Ray. He certainly loved Blackburn College. His leadership on and off the soccer field is an inspiration!*

Tom Turpin, Blackburn College - November 12, 2013 at 09:57 AM

JS

“ *Thank you, Mrs. Auer and Family, for allowing me the privilege of knowing and working with Ray. He was a special individual, and I will cherish the time I spent with Ray. I couldn't of asked for a more pleasant person to care for, and I will greatly miss the outings we used to have--the baseball games, soccer, and or just walks in the neighborhood. My sympathies and prayers are with you all.*

Jim Janusz, CNA, Oasis Medical Services - November 11, 2013 at 09:07 PM

RD

“ *Riverside Respiratory Dept lit a candle in memory of Raymond C. Auer*



Riverside Respiratory Dept - November 11, 2013 at 08:21 PM

RD

All of Us from the Riverside Respiratory Department want to express our sympathy to you Dr. Leahy and your son. We will miss his jokes and smiling face! Take Care and God Bless

Riverside Respiratory Dept - November 11, 2013 at 08:24 PM

CB

“ *We graduated with Ray from Bishop DuBourg High School and cherish his friendship. Ray was our class president and shared his love of sports, fellowship and leadership. We were pleased and honored to meet Joanne and Sean at Rigazzi's one of the class of 68's favorite places. Joanne and Sean are gracious and wonderful people. How fortunate Ray was to have such a loving and caring family.*

We will all miss his great smile and hold the many memories in our hearts. Joanne thank you for the honor to share and make memories with family and friends. Your family remains in our prayers. May God bless and comfort you.

*Friends always,
Mike and Cindy Bick*

Cindy (Linda) Bick - November 11, 2013 at 08:08 PM

TE

“ So sorry for your loss Dr. Leahy. I was shocked when I saw this. I always enjoyed taking care of Ray on 5 tele. He always had a smile on his face. I will never forget his knucks.

Terri - November 11, 2013 at 08:05 PM