



Richard W. Barrone

December 26, 1927 - January 10, 2024

Richard W. "Choppy" Barrone, 96, passed away January 10, 2024. Born December 26, 1927, he was the only child of Claude R. and Edith L. (Durell) Barrone. Choppy was born in Breckenridge Texas but was raised in Kankakee and Bradley from the age of 2. He graduated from Bradley High School in 1945. He enlisted in the Army with his friends Foo and Keith. He served less than a year as WWII was ending.

Choppy married Shirley H. Book on December 18, 1948. They had two children, Richard L. and Jane Ellen.

A man of many skills, Choppy was a self-employed cabinet maker for 10 years. He eventually joined the Millwright/ Carpenter Union, installing and repairing assembly lines at manufacturing facilities across the state. Choppy and his wife Shirley enjoyed many years of square dancing. Choppy also enjoyed a game of chess. He was an extraordinary gardener, raising both vegetables and elaborate flower gardens. His favorite holiday was the 4th of July and he planned (and executed) fireworks shows for his neighbors on Jordan Avenue. Even the police stopped to watch!

Choppy is survived by his son Rick (Debi) Barrone of Bourbonnais, his daughter Jane Rude of Lakeland Florida, grandchildren Brandy (Dustin) Polly of Lakeland, Nicole (Jason) Montgomery of Washington IL, Natalie Schaefer of Pewaukee WI, and Jessica (JD) Kirk of Virginia. Great-grandchildren Jack Polly, Sabrina Polly, Evan Montgomery, Maya Montgomery, Carly Schaefer, Cameron Schaefer, Orion, Salem/Bella, John Kirk, Jace and Ava Smith. He is

also survived by many kind neighbors.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife Shirley and son-in-law Greg Rude.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Monday, January 15, 2024 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Interment will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Aroma Township.

Memorials may be made to family wishes.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

VZ

“ Born and raised on Jordan. I am sorry to hear of Choppy's passing. So many wonderful memories, of Choppy and Shirley. All the 4th of July fireworks, Choppy out riding his bike always stopping to talk everyone. Until we see you again

Valerie Zanell-Hansen - January 16, 2024 at 12:08 PM

AP

“ We have lived on Jordan for 39 years and Choppie was the mayor of the neighborhood! I have the best memories of him and Shirley. They were the kindest people and always welcomed your company on the porch swing. I know Choppie and Shirley are together at last. Prayers to the family.

Adam and Lynn Prairie - January 15, 2024 at 01:23 PM

LK

“ Rick and Debi: very sorry to read of your recent loss. Thoughts with you and your family. Linda Klette

Linda M. Klette - January 14, 2024 at 12:32 PM

RH

“ What a genuine character.

Roger L Hill - January 13, 2024 at 11:22 PM

JK

“ Julie Koomar lit a candle in memory of Richard W. Barrone



Julie Koomar - January 13, 2024 at 02:04 PM

DD

“ I have so many fond memories of the Barrone family Since Jane was my best friend their home was always my second home and I felt welcomed every time I stepped in to their house You never knew what shenanigans Choppy was up to but it always made you laugh and he always called me that Debi Baker girl and asked what we were up to Will miss knowing he's not around anymore Fly high Choppy and enjoy that garden in the sky Thanks for some great childhood memories

Debi Baker Dawkins - January 13, 2024 at 09:24 AM

RW

“ Rick Debi always liked listening to his words of wisdom. Such a genuine soul. Wish I could be there to attend his service. Hope he enjoyed the picture we gave him before we moved. May he Rest In Eternal Paradise. Ron and Sandy Wilkins

Ron Wilkins - January 12, 2024 at 10:22 AM

SP

“ I spent many July 4th's at my grandparents house (Ken and Shirlee Pieritz) on Jordan watching "Choppys" firework shows. It was a great neighborhood and they were great neighbors and I will always have fond memories of those days. Rest in Peace Choppy.

Scott Pieritz - January 11, 2024 at 10:47 PM

CH

“ How how we all loved Choppy. Him and Shirley were the hit of the neighborhood. Couldn't of asked for two nicer people. One of Choopys favorite holidays was the 4th of the July. He supplied the entire neighborhood with what we needed to enjoy the night. I have many more memories but I'll keep those and cherish them forever. Rest In Peace my friend.



Chris Larsen Huffman - January 11, 2024 at 07:38 PM