



Richard Beckner

October 6, 1932 - September 14, 2010

Visitation for Richard E. Beckner, 77, of Kankakee, will be from 4 p.m. Friday until the 7:30 p.m. services at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. Pastor Steve Goodin will officiate. Cremation rites will be accorded following the services. Burial will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. Mr. Beckner died Tuesday (Sept. 14, 2010) at Bradley Royale Health Care Center. Mr. Beckner retired from Thomas Baird and Son Plumbing & Heating after 36 years of service. He was born Oct. 6, 1932, in Bradley, the son of Robert and Velma Suprenant Beckner. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of Kankakee American Legion Post 85. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge. Surviving are his wife, the former Phyllis A. Arseneau, of Kankakee, whom he married Dec. 11, 1953, in Danville; one daughter and son-in-law, Kris and Lonnie Arthur, of Bourbonnais; four granddaughters, Andrea Arthur of Mesa, Ariz., Melissa and Jared Miller, of Corpus Christi, Texas, Stacy Arthur, and Lindsey and Curtiss Young, all of Gilbert, Ariz.; four great-grandchildren, Madison Arthur, Jayden Arthur, Lincoln Miller and Brody Young; stepmother, Laura Ratkie of Springfield; one brother, Ronald Beckner of Springfield; one stepsister and stepbrother-in-law, Cathy and Larry Sanderson, of Springfield; many nieces and nephews, including special nephew Robert Beckner and special niece Carol Beckner, both of Kankakee; and one sister-in-law, Josie Beckner of Bourbonnais. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers,

Robert, Louis and Leonard Beckner.

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“ *My husband Chuck worked at Baird`s for as long as Dick was there. He was a great friend. I ½ often met Dick and Phyllis at Wal-Mart when I went shopping, he was there getting his medicine. After Dick retired from Baird`s we still kept in touch sending each other Christmas cards!

 My heart goes out to you and your family and you have my deepest sympathy.

 I ½ Betty Rocknowski###imported-begin##Betty Rocknowski###imported-end##*

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“ *Deepest sympathy to Foo Foo and Kris on the loss of your wonderful husband and father. I ½ He will be sadly missed by all. The neighborhood won't be the same without you Dickie Bird. He was such a kind and sweet man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you today and everyday. Peace and love, Jodie###imported-begin##Jodie forbes###imported-end##*

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“ Im so sorry for your loss.. Im sending many hugs to the family from miles away.. God Bless All Of You; I will be keeping you in your prayer and thoughts.

Shelly(Eldred)Crowe###imported-begin##Shelly (Eldred) Crowe###imported-end##

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“ I worked at the facility that Mr. Beckner spent his last days. I just want to offer my sympathy, and say he was a very special man###imported-begin##Marsha Schultz###imported-end##

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“ I have always thought of you and your brothers as my brothers. i½You have been in my life for 57 years. i½I had no sisters but 6 wonderful brothers who watched over me and always made me feel special whenever we got together. i½I know I was only a step-sister but I felt like it was much more and you all treated me like a sister instead of a step-sister and I'll always be grateful for that. I loved our dad because he took me under his wings when my own father rejected me and still does to this day. i½Thank you Dick and tell my other Bros and dad that I love them very much. i½

Your sister Cathy###imported-begin##Cathy Sanderson###imported-end##

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“ In the late 1970's, I worked with Dick @ Thos. Baird & Son. He was very kind, helpful and had the greatest sense of humor. We laughed a lot every single day. His love for his family was immeasurable and he never tired talking about you. Even though I moved on to other jobs and moved away, we managed to keep in touch through the years. I was deeply saddened to hear of his passing. My deepest sympathy goes out to his family.

I shall never forget you, Bird...you were one in a million.##imported-begin##Annette Flanigan##imported-end##

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“ I've lived in the same neighborhood as

my uncle Dick for almost 47 years. Twenty-five of those years, I've been

married.My uncle Dick actually helped

build the house,we still live in.

My dad, Leonard who has passed away &

uncle Dick were always very close.I

got to see that closeness,through the

years they shared.We had a tradition

at my dad's house, where every Sunday

morning for many years we had coffee

& doughnuts.

I would be basically be in charge of the

coffee(so it would never run out.)

About (4) pots would be gone through

by the time we were all finished.Al

though uncle Dick was diabetic,he still

enjoyed having a doughnut or one of my

mom's homemade sweetrolls.This tradition

did finally end, with my dad's passing

in 2007.

I did enjoy & still long for those days sitting around my dad's kitchen table, discussing the current topics of that day.

I will miss you more than words can say.

Your nephew,

Don Beckner##imported-begin##Donald L. Beckner##imported-end##

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“ Dickie (aka Dickie Bird) was always in the lives of the young people of Eagle Island neighborhood! He not only participated in our lives but with our children....playing Ricardo in a video with Cody & Ryan and always played hide & seek, and kick the can! It is a sad day for us upon the death of Dickie, and he will be missed. What a great man he was always seeing my family off before leaving on our visits there and making sure Chris & Cody had their comic books from Dickie to read on the train! You will be missed Dickie! We will hold memories in our heart and thoughts you will not be forgotten! Prayers of comfort and peace to Foo Foo & Family! Love, Chi Chi##imported-begin##nancy andrews##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayer. My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family.
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