



Richard E. "Rich" Bergan

September 1, 1942 - July 5, 2024

Richard "Rich" E. Bergan, age 81, of Bourbonnais passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loved ones on Friday, July 5, 2024. He was born September 1, 1942 in Fairbury, Mr. & Mrs. John E. Bergan.

Rich attended Piper City Grade School and graduated from Kankakee High School class of 1960.

He served in the United States Army 25th infantry division, Tropical Lightning, from 1964-1966. The last year he served in Vietnam where he was awarded the Purple Heart.

Rich worked for Com Ed for 29 years starting as a lineman and retiring as a foreman. He received a life saving award from the E-Team for lifting a truck off a man when his jack slipped. At another time, he and his crew saved a couple from a house fire.

Rich married the love of his life, Susan Devine Dunn on December 1, 1995.

He always had a smile on his face and a joke in his pocket. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, shooting sporting clay, bicycling, traveling, playing cards, and spending time with his family and friends. Rich was a lifelong member of the VFW and the American Legion.

He was a parishioner of the St. George Catholic Church in Bourbonnais.

Surviving are his wife, Susan Bergan of Bourbonnais; daughters, Christine (Mary Jo Nowak) Bergan of Madison, WI and Reagan Bergan of MO; one son, Rostin (Lana) Bergan of El Dorado; stepson, Daniel K. (Jade) Dunn of Dunlap (Rich raised Dan from the age of eight); seven grandchildren, Jarae Young,

Jace Young, Joleigh Young, Brendan Bergan, Briley Bergan, Zoey Dunn, and Daniel B. Dunn; brother-in-law, Ray Devine of Lantana, FL; several nieces and nephews, including special niece and nephew, Nikki Wilson and Jim Laski of Bourbonnais; and wonderful neighbors and friends that are considered family. Rich is preceded in death by his parents; one grandson, Evan Young; and two sisters-in-law, Mary Jo Wells and Betty Mulvihill.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at St. George Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. Cremation rites will be accorded after the Mass.

Memorials may be made to St. George Catholic Church, American Legion Post 1164, or Uplifted Care.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **9.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

JUL **10.** 10:30 AM (CT)

St. George Catholic Church
5272 E. 5000 N. Rd.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 939-1851
<http://www.stgeorgeil.com>

Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Dan And Bev Arseneau lit a candle in memory of Richard E. "Rich" Bergan*



Dan and Bev Arseneau - July 15, 2024 at 11:29 PM

AB

“ *Alex/Ines Bojovic lit a candle in memory of Richard E. "Rich" Bergan*



Alex/Ines Bojovic - July 09, 2024 at 12:41 AM

AB

Rest in peace now, Rich.

Alex/Ines Bojovic - July 09, 2024 at 12:42 AM

JH

Richard was a good friend and high school classmate. Sue, my heart goes out to you and your family.

Jack Hilliker

Jack Hilliker - July 11, 2024 at 11:44 AM

JP

“ *I worked with Rich, and in our younger days partied with him on a regular basis. He was full of personality, and if he was your friend there wasn't anything he wouldn't do to be of help. In short "Rich" was one of the good guys, and he'll be missed.*

Jim Puswaskis - July 08, 2024 at 12:34 PM

RR

“ *Rich was a gentle giant. He was always friendly and concerned about other people. His life reflected what is the best in men today . He loved and cherished his family and was proud of them. our world today needs more men like him. Rich. Reedy*

Richard Reedy - July 06, 2024 at 07:55 PM