



Richard "Dick" Wayne Bergeron

August 12, 1939 - August 15, 2025

Richard "Dick" Wayne Bergeron, age 86 of Bourbonnais, passed away Friday, August 15, 2025, at Riverside Miller Healthcare in Kankakee. Dick was born to Leola (Pombert) Bergeron and Lionel Bergeron on August 12, 1939, in Kankakee, Illinois. He is descended from one of the earliest French/Canadian families in the area. He graduated from Marmion Military Academy in Aurora in 1957 and was in the Army National Guard from 1959 to 1967.

Shortly after graduation from Marmion and while serving in the National Guard Reserve, he began working for his family in the automobile business. He attended numerous classes and seminars on all aspects of the automobile business. He was named President of Bergeron Pontiac/Toyota and co-owned the business with his cousin, Ken Bergeron. He was also part of the management team of Uptown Chrysler/Plymouth Sales and Body Shop. Later he and Ken built the first Pontiac/Toyota automobile dealership on Latham Drive in Bourbonnais. This dealership garnered the first TIF Agreement in Bourbonnais. Dick and Ken later partnered with Tom O'Brien and built a second dealership in Bourbonnais that sold Lincoln's, Mercury's, Mazda's, and Mercedes Benz. He was involved with land development with his family and later became Vice President of Briar Ridge Development in Bourbonnais. In September 1961 Dick married his first wife, Patricia Ann Taggart, who passed away in 1996. On October 23, 1997, he married Bonnie Faye Robinson who survives.

For several years, Dick and Bonnie enjoyed spending winters in Haines City,

Florida. He was a member and volunteer at Bok Tower and Gardens in Lake Wales, Florida. He was a member of Maternity BVM Catholic Church, Bourbonnais, a past member of the Kankakee Elks Lodge, Kankakee Chamber of Commerce, and Board of Directors for Presence St. Mary's Senior Health Care. At the time of his death, he held memberships in the Knights of Columbus, Manteno AMVETS Chapter 107, Kankakee Historical Society, Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society, Wright in Kankakee and the Hundred Club.

He was a dedicated volunteer at the Illinois Veterans' Home at Manteno, where he offered his services for many years. Dick enjoyed traveling, reading and was an avid Cubs fan.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sister, Linda Edelman of The Villages, FL, and many nieces and nephews.

Dick is preceded in death by his parents, and one sister Shirl Edgerly. Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 22, 2025, at Maternity BVM Catholic Church in Bourbonnais with a Celebration of Life following at the parish center.

Memorials may be made to Maternity BVM Catholic Church in Bourbonnais or Illinois Veterans' Home at Manteno.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Bourbonnais.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

AUG 22. 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

MN

“ To the Bergeron Family :My deepest condolences .Dick was a "GREAT MAN"! I worked for him At Bergeron Pontiac Toyota and at Bergeron-O'Brien Lincoln Mercury ,Mercedes Benz,and Mazda. He told me I was the reason for his hair turning grey. Over the year we remained in contact while he was volunteering at the Vet 's home in Manteno .He was always a good boss and a fair man . I respected him very much.We certainly had many happy times at Cubs Games And Fishing on Lake Michigan .Over the years we aggravated each other very much, all in fun ! I will miss him very much

Mike Norman
Somerset Kentucky

Michael Norman - August 20, 2025 at 07:33 PM



“ So very sorry to hear of the passing of this great guy and super volunteer. May he rest in peace.



Doris O'Connor - August 16, 2025 at 12:11 PM

JK

“ Bonnie my sincere condolences to you and the Bergeron family. May he rest in peace and you find comfort in your many memories.



Jane Faford Keltner - August 16, 2025 at 11:35 AM

PP

“ Bonnie, we're so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. He was such a nice person. I remember him from when we were just kids.
Condolences!

Patricia Posing - August 16, 2025 at 10:19 AM

MM

“ Marilyn Mulcahy lit a candle in memory of
Richard "Dick" Wayne Bergeron



Marilyn Mulcahy - August 16, 2025 at 09:30 AM

KA

“ Kathy lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick"
Wayne Bergeron



kathy - August 16, 2025 at 07:58 AM

NM

“ Nora Mehrer lit a candle in memory of
Richard "Dick" Wayne Bergeron



Nora Mehrer - August 15, 2025 at 09:54 PM

NM

*My deepest sympathy to Bonnie and to Dick's family and many friends.
God bless.*

Nora Mehrer - August 15, 2025 at 09:56 PM

LA

“ *My deepest sympathy to Bonnie and to Dick's family. He was a longtime good friend and a really kind man. 💔*

Lynn Ahlden - August 15, 2025 at 09:49 PM

CM

“ *So sorry to see of Dick's passing. He would always tell me that he sold me my 1st car!
Good man, may he rest in eternal peace.
Prayers for his family.*

Cathie (Sederstrand-Bergan) Miedema

Catherine Miedema - August 15, 2025 at 09:25 PM

