



Richard "Dude" Christiansen

March 18, 1929 - October 3, 2016

Richard D. "Dude" Christiansen, age 87, of Kankakee, passed away Monday, October 3, 2016 at his home.

He was born March 18, 1929 in Kankakee, the son of Louia & Delia LaFine Christiansen.

Richard married JoAnn Clouston November 11, 1950 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee. She preceded him in death September 26, 1995.

He owned L.C. Auto Parts. Richard was past president of the American Heart Association. He also served as director of A.W.O.I.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Hundred Club. He enjoyed golfing and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. Most all, he loved spending time with his family.

Richard is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Dennis & Mary Jo Christiansen of Limestone; three daughters and three sons-in-law, Diane & Tom Grebner of Limestone, Denise & Fred Macri of West Palm Beach, FL, Debbie & Bruce Redenius of St. Anne; nine grandchildren, Dan Grebner, Adam Grebner, Dana Urbanczyk, Amber Macri, Amie Macri, Aaron Macri,

Claire Southard, Jacob Christiansen, and Sam Christiansen; and six great-grandchildren, Evan, Delia, Delaney, Owen, Juliette, and Averie.

He is also preceded in death by his parents; one son, Ronald Christiansen; and one sister, Alice Peck.

Visitation will be held 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Thursday, October 6, 2016 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 7, 2016 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee. Rev. Roy Jacob will celebrate the Mass.

Entombment will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

OCT 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Church
486 W. Merchant St.
Kankakee, IL
(815) 933-9391
<http://www.strosekankakee.com/index.htm>

Tribute Wall

PZ

“ So sorry to learn of your Father's passing. He and your Mother were good neighbors to my parents when we all lived on Hawkins street. My sincere condolences to all of you.

*Paul Ziemer
WA state*

Paul Ziemer - October 20, 2016 at 08:55 AM

DD

“ So sorry to hear the news of Dude's passing but will cherish many great memories of a great man and an awesome family. Many happy times- growing up with Denny and Debbie, Hawkins street home, hanging out at LC's counter, Indy, weddings....all with a special group of people made possible by an exceptional man. Thank you Dude, for role modeling with distinction and may God continue to bless your family. Love, Dan Delmore

Daniel Delmore - October 13, 2016 at 03:17 PM

LV

“ It was indeed with deep sadness that we are reading of your father's passing. Although we never met his family, our memories go back to before either of us were married when Dude and Lloyd were good pals and enjoyed many good times together. Then I came into the picture and we double-dated. Your dad drove our wedding car on the day we were married and carried a pair of my shoes on his fender all that evening when I left them there, transferring our luggage to our car! They were waiting for us when we got back. Lloyd's parents were also very good friends with the Christensen families involved in the auto parts business. Judy Leake's comments also brought back memories of my childhood living just down the street on 4th AV. We were pleased to make contact with Dude personally when we celebrated our 60th anniversary and saw him at Blue's on our visits to IL. He will be missed, I am sure. He was SO complimentary of the care his children were giving him to allow him to remain in his home. Our sincere condolences.

Lloyd and Jeannine Verhoeks - October 11, 2016 at 03:13 PM

BC

“ Us Clouston's of Mandan were very "Lucky" when Dude married our Aunt JoAnn. They were a wonderful couple. Loved calling him Uncle Dude. We have many happy memories of their vacations to Mandan & many pictures. These last years have been "priceless" on the phone with him. Seeing all the pictures on-line thru the funeral home is "Great". He told me when he had lost the 50 lbs "I was so glad for him." The cycle of life has many sad parts but at the end "All the Family will be Together". Love you all, Mark & Bette Jo (Clouston)
Caya

Bette Caya - October 06, 2016 at 08:07 PM

JL

“ Always had good memories of Dude at the parts store. My Dad, Harvey Patnaude, and brother, Chuck Patnaude, worked there for years in the back machine shop. Love and prayers to all. Judy Patnaude Leake, Inola, OK

Judy Patnaude Leake - October 06, 2016 at 06:21 PM

BR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at the loss of your Dad and Grandpa. Dude was a great cousin - had a lot of fun in our earlier years. I visited with him just about a couple of weeks ago. God's Blessings. Bev Rasmussen, Phoenix, AZ.

Beverly Rasmussen - October 06, 2016 at 06:14 PM

GP

“ Dude was one of the nicest men in the world! We both have nothing but good memories of him. Rest easy with Mrs. C. now.

George and Jodi Papineau - October 06, 2016 at 05:36 PM

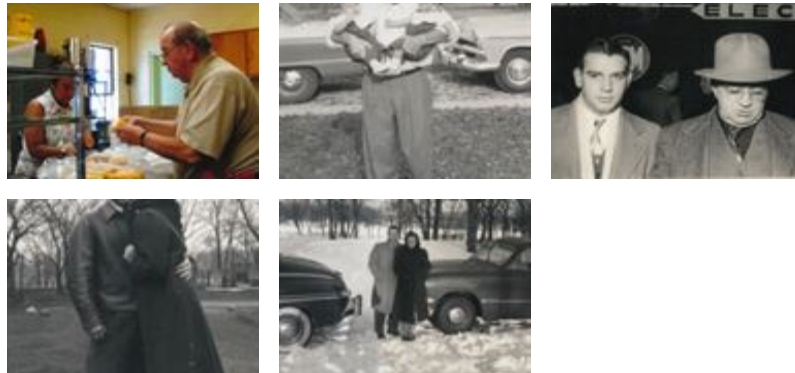
DF

“ Dude and I met at a euchre party held at Deb and Bruce's house, there were several tables and somehow, we were the winning team. Every time I saw him after that, he would say how we should get up a game because he could use some spending money! Dude always made me feel welcome whenever he saw me and so does his entire family. My deepest condolences to you all on your loss of this great man.

Deanna Ford - October 05, 2016 at 09:39 PM



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Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - October 05, 2016 at 04:15 PM

OS

“ *To DUDE's family,
I always enjoyed the visits I had with Dude at Balthuns. He always made me feel welcome. I've had my own setback about 4 years ago, so I have been unable to visit him. He will be a good memory in my mind.*

Oran Skeldon - October 05, 2016 at 11:39 AM

RD

“ *Hi Family,
So sorry to hear of Dude's passing. There were a few years in my life when Dude and Jo's home was my second home. They were always very kind and generous to me and that second set of twins they had were quite wonderful, yet awnry friends! Needless to say, Dude will have the best seat in the house when the CUBS WIN the World's Series later this month! Thinking of you all.
Ronda Quigley*

Ronda Driscoll - October 04, 2016 at 07:33 PM