



Richard LaFrance

September 15, 1950 - May 2, 2010

Visitation for Richard LaFrance, 59, of Bourbonnais, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, and from 10 a.m. Friday at St. George Catholic Church until the 11 a.m. celebration of the funeral Mass. The Rev. Dan Belanger will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or to the American Cancer Society. He passed away Sunday (May 2, 2010) at his home following complications from colon cancer. Mr. LaFrance worked for Bunge Edible Oil in Bradley for 30 years. He was born Sept. 15, 1950, in Kankakee, the son of Ernest and Elaine Carstens LaFrance. Surviving are his wife, the former Sandra Johns, whom he married Nov. 12, 1978, at Limestone Church of the Nazarene; one son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Cathy LaFrance of Manhattan; his father of Bourbonnais; mother, Elaine Starzyk of Lakeland, Fla.; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Chris and Sonny Parks of Peoria, Michelle LaFrance of Lakeland; one stepsister, Pam Starzyk of Manteno; one stepbrother, David Starzyk and family of Park Forest; one sister-in-law, Pamela Okeli of Terre Haute, Ind.; three nieces and one nephew. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and stepfather, Richard Starzyk.

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“ *Rick and I were classmates from at least 7th Grade and through High School. We played Trumpets in the Grade School band and Bugles one summer in the Drum and Bugle Corps in Kankakee. I got to see him faint in about every parade we ever marched in. I really missed seeing him at our 40th Reunion last weekend. Chris and Michelle, and everyone, my condolences and best wishes.*
Mike##imported-begin##Mike Slater##imported-end##

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“ *I only met Richard 2 or 3 times. ÿ½But, I could tell from Sandy that he was a special person - A good husband and a great dad.

It was particulary touching that even though Richard knew his time here was limited, he was still thinking of what was best for his family after he was gone. ÿ½That takes a strong and unselfish person to do.

I know his family will miss him terribly. ÿ½And Sandy, I will be there for you.

##imported-begin##Brenda Brower##imported-end##*

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“ Sandy,

My deepest sympathy to you and your family on your loss. I regret not being able to express my sympathies to you in person. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Barb###imported-begin###Barb Darling###imported-end##

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“ I've worked at Bunge soon to be 30 years, and known Rich in the different positions he has held at Bunge. To his family, my deepest sympathy to you in your sorrow. i½May you find comfort in the many special memories you cherish. i½May God's love comfort you in this time of sadness.###imported-begin###Sheryl Barbosa###imported-end##

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“ I worked in the office with Rich for 12 years. A fellow Sox & Bears fan I enjoyed bashing the Cubs & Packers with him. The mornings aren't the same,or will they be with Rich not there to talk Sox,Bears,Hawks even politics! Rich is missed.###imported-begin###Michael Patterson###imported-end##

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“ With Deepest Sympathy and Friendship.###imported-begin###Dave Parks###imported-end##

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“ Rick was a great guy. I met Rick when we moved to Bourbonnais. I went to school with him from grade school through High school. Art Lewis, Rick, and I used to drink beer together, before we were of "legal age" !! We had fun ! I lost touch with Rick , only seeing him occasionally, then I met up with him at the St. George Stag. We used to work that every December. He will always be remembered as a great friend, and a great person.##imported-begin##Steve Faford##imported-end##

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“ Dear Sandy:

Please know that you have been and continue to be in my thoughts. ĩ¿½May you find comfort in the presence of family and friends, as well as in the times of quiet reflection as you continue this journey of loss. ĩ¿½

Jamie##imported-begin##NULL##imported-end##

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