



## Richard L Skelly

August 15, 1936 - April 29, 2025

Richard L. Skelly, age 88 of Kankakee passed away on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at Faith Place in Danforth, IL. He was born on August 15, 1936 in Bradley, the son of Lawrence A. and Rose (Lazzara) Skelly. Richard married Barbara Jean Habing on April 4, 1964 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. She preceded him in death on March 31, 2024.

Richard worked for Armour Pharmaceuticals for over forty years. He loved camping with Prairie State Sams. Richard loved going to garage sales, boating, motorcycles and tinkering.

Richard was a veteran of the United States Army.

He was a parishioner of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Surviving are five children, Ann Berns of Kankakee, David Skelly of Kankakee, Ellen (Eric) Schmidt of Manteno, Matthew (Megan) Skelly of Ottawa, Steven (Kim) Skelly of Manteno; one brother, Larry (Marilyn) Skelly of Joliet; seven grandchildren, Alex (Aisha) Berns, Megan (Ronnie) Wilcox, Emilia Skelly, Hannah Skelly, Lucas Schmidt, Heidi Schmidt, and Owen Skelly; five great grandchildren, Magnolia Berns, Charlotte Berns, Artikai Berns, Quinn Wilcox, Blake Wilcox; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Richard is preceded in death by his wife, Barbara; his parents; three brothers-in-law, Ronald Habing, Charles Habing, and Patrick Habing; four sisters-in-law, Cheryl Skelly, Joan Skelly, Sharon Habing, and Maureen Habing.

Visitation will be held from 9:00-10:45 a.m. on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be

celebrated at 11:00a.m. on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kankakee. Reverend John Peeters will celebrate the Mass. Cremation rites will be accorded following the Mass. Inurnment will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 16, 2025 at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Wounded Warriors Project, St. Patrick Catholic Church, or the American Red Cross.

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 15. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

MAY 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
428 S. Indiana  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-6716

# Tribute Wall

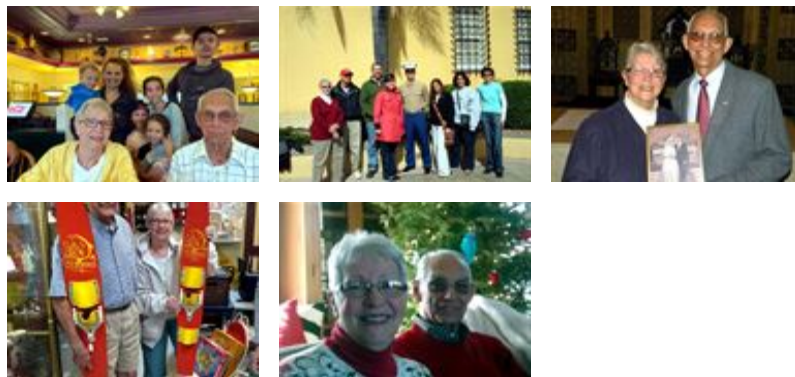
SR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Skelly family. So sorry for your loss. Steve Randazzo and family

Steve Randazzo - May 14, 2025 at 11:43 PM



“ 98 files added to the album Life Tributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - May 12, 2025 at 04:27 PM

SD

“ Sandy Deatherage lit a candle in memory of Richard L Skelly



Sandy Deatherage - May 09, 2025 at 07:22 PM

SD

So sorry for your loss

Sandy Deatherage - May 09, 2025 at 07:29 PM

MB

“ *Ann, Ellen and Family,  
We always looked forward to our “doorman” Dick when entering  
your parent’s home for Mahjong with Jean.  
Dick, ever so witty, greeted the gals with a sparkle in his eyes and a  
joke up his sleeve.  
Jean has been waiting...May they rest in love and peace.  
Marlo Beeman*

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**Marlo Beeman** - May 07, 2025 at 05:40 PM

LN

“ *Leanne (Carmain) Nickerson lit a candle in  
memory of Richard L Skelly*



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**Leanne (Carmain) Nickerson** - May 06, 2025 at 09:14 PM

CW

“ *Christopher Wilcox lit a candle in memory of  
Richard L Skelly*



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**Christopher Wilcox** - May 06, 2025 at 12:15 PM

RB

“ *So very sorry for your loss.*

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**Rhonda Bouchard** - May 06, 2025 at 09:28 AM

TK

“ Toni Hayes Kruse lit a candle in memory of  
Richard L Skelly



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**Toni Hayes Kruse** - May 05, 2025 at 05:04 PM

TM

“ Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of  
Richard L Skelly



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**Tom Mallaney** - May 05, 2025 at 10:59 AM

NS

“ Nickey F. Yates Sr lit a candle in memory of  
Richard L Skelly



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**Nickey F. Yates Sr** - May 05, 2025 at 09:19 AM

GP

“ Gary Plumley lit a candle in memory of  
Richard L Skelly



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**Gary Plumley** - May 04, 2025 at 11:58 PM

LR

“ Dear Ellen, Eric and family  
Richard got his wings!! And he is now with your mom and back to his old self:) :)  
Cherish your memories. Sincerely, Jim and Lisa Redenius

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**Lisa Redenius** - May 04, 2025 at 02:06 PM

DK

“ Darcy Kane lit a candle in memory of Richard L Skelly



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**Darcy Kane** - May 04, 2025 at 09:57 AM

SK

“ Dave and family, so sorry for your loss. You. were truly blessed with a super dad! I ran across a pic of your dad, Dick McHie, and myself on Kankakee river 1958 I believe. Pulling your dad's boat that was partially sunk. He flipped it when the three of us were racing. Message me and I'll send it to you if I want. 💕🙏💕

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**Sandy King** - May 04, 2025 at 09:43 AM

DC

“ Dear Ann, sorry to hear about your dad. Please know that I am praying for him. My condolences to your family. Sincerely, Donna Casino

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**Donna Casino** - May 03, 2025 at 10:45 PM

JJ

“ *Jolinda Jones lit a candle in memory of Richard L Skelly*



Jolinda Jones - May 03, 2025 at 08:21 PM

BF

“ *Brenda Frooninckx lit a candle in memory of Richard L Skelly*



Brenda Frooninckx - May 03, 2025 at 06:41 PM

GM

“ *I was very saddened to hear of Dick's passing. Dick was a member of the morning Kankakee McDonald's group that met daily. I really enjoyed our daily conversations and joking around with Dick. He always brought his own metal coffee mug and at times I would "inadvertently" hide it from him. His Smart Car was a proud possession of his too. My deepest condolences to the entire Skelly family. Dick will be missed.*

Gary T Mitchell - May 03, 2025 at 04:25 PM

BH

“ *Becky Hook lit a candle in memory of Richard L Skelly*



Becky Hook - May 03, 2025 at 12:58 PM

CM

“ *Condolences to the family. May he rest in eternal peace*

*Cathie (Sederstrand-Bergan) Miedema*



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**Catherine Miedema** - May 03, 2025 at 12:17 PM