



Richard F. Wischnowski

November 30, 1919 - November 30, 2015

Lieutenant Richard F. "Snuffy" Wischnowski, 96, of Kankakee, passed away on Monday (Nov. 30, 2015) at Presence Heritage Village in Kankakee on his 96th birthday, after a long illness.

He was born Nov. 30, 1919, in Kankakee, the son of Fred. C. and Freida Albert Wischnowski. Richard married Lillian Mohler on Sept. 21, 1947, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Kankakee.

Lt. Wischnowski was a Kankakee City Police officer for 36 years. He has the distinction of being the longest serving police officer in city history. He was a natural artist and designed the Kankakee City Police patch the officers wear today. He was an avid golfer, recording three holes-in-one. He was a firearms expert and enthusiast.

He was a lifelong member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Kankakee. He enjoyed playing cards and loved dogs, especially black labs. He also had a dry sense of humor.

He was a U.S. Army veteran serving in the Pacific in the Phillipines during World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star.

Surviving are his wife, of Kankakee; son, Mark (Peggy) Wischnowski, of Sauk

Village; daughter, Cathy Taylor, of Kankakee; four grandchildren, Audra Taylor, Jim Wischnowski and Dane and Cody Smith; and four great-grandchildren, Chance Taylor, Tyler Wischnowski, Carson Allen and Ashtyn Wischnowski.

Preceding him in death were his parents; brother, Edgar Wischnowski; and great-granddaughter, Caitlin J. Ryan.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. An additional time for visitation will be from 10 a.m. Friday until the 11 a.m. funeral services at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Kankakee, with the Rev. Karl Koeppen officiating. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 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

Visitation

DEC 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
348 E. Merchant
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-0312
<http://www.stpaulslutheran.net>

Funeral Service

DEC 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
348 E. Merchant
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-0312
<http://www.stpaulslutheran.net>

Tribute Wall

DF

“ *Lt was my first supervisor when I started at Kankakee PD. Jan. 1970. Was a good and easy going Officer. Fond memories*

Don Freigo - December 05, 2015 at 01:49 PM

JT

“ *Mark I am so sorry to hear of your Dads passing. Jan & Jane Turrell*

Jan Turrell - December 04, 2015 at 09:33 PM

TM

“ *I really enjoyed working with him. We always appreciated the clever cartoons he would leave in the log! Our deepest sympathy to the family.*
Tom Maass

Tom Maass - December 04, 2015 at 05:50 PM

GK

“ *Your Husband, Dad, Grandpa and Great-grandpa was a kind soul. Cherish your memories and be sure to tell the little ones about his love and kindness... Blessings, Comfort and Peace to the Wischnowski Family.*



Gary Krumwiede - December 03, 2015 at 11:46 PM

 Barb
Miller

“ *He was someone we all respected when we were teenagers! Good guy that will be remembered always!*
Rich Miller Sr

Barb Miller - December 03, 2015 at 11:00 AM

AT

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Audra L Taylor - December 02, 2015 at 06:59 PM

AT

Caught Grampa with my "newfangled thingy" before he realized it had a camera feature. One of my favorite shots of him.

Audra L Taylor - December 02, 2015 at 07:02 PM

GK

Audra what a treasured photo...

Gary Krumwiede - December 03, 2015 at 11:48 PM

DP

“ *Officer Wischnowski was my friend. He and Lillian were faithful customers also.*

I was twelve years old when I first met my friend. I was in my grandma's neighborhood, playing with my BB gun, when Officer Wischnowski stopped and motioned me to come up to his squad car.. He calmly said "Give me the gun". The mild mannered officer opened the BB chamber and shook out the BBs and returned the Daisy Red Rider to me, with the instructions on proper BB gun use. Over the years, I was Junior Police, Auxillary Police and business man.

During that time I would remind him that he still had my BBs !! We made a joke out of it of course of which the "punch line" was written on a small container of BBs, the words: "I hate to see a grown man cry so, after 50 some years, I will return your BBs. Sorry for the delay."

Lt. Richard Wischnowski.

So long, Good Friend! Sleep well till we meet again.

Love, Dick Panozzo

Dick Panozzo - December 02, 2015 at 10:49 AM

CD

“ *Dear Mrs. Wischnowski and Family, I want to extend my deepest sympathy over the loss of your dear, loving husband Richard. May you and your family feel the presence of Our God, as he looks over you, as you remember all the fond and loving memories, of a long life, together. May those memories warm your hearts and souls as you continue to feel the presence of a healing and comforting God...*

Philippians 1: 3 "I thank my God every time I remember you."

Blessings of remembrances, Chaplain Carole R. DiZeo Spiritual Care Director of Presence Heritage Village in Kankakee

Chaplain Carole R. DiZeo - December 01, 2015 at 02:32 PM