



Robert A. Arseneau

January 10, 1930 - September 7, 2018

Robert A. Arseneau, 88, of Bourbonnais, died Friday (September 7, 2018) at Presence Merkle-Knipprath Countryside in Clifton. He was born January 10, 1930, in Bourbonnais, the son of George and Elizabeth Kenniton Arseneau. Robert married Lois M. DeWeese on September 24, 1955 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee. She preceded him in death on April 1, 2013. Robert was a graduate of St. Patrick's Central High School, and the Barber College of Chicago. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. For many years, he owned and operated Arseneau's Barber Shop in Manteno, until his retirement in 1981.

He was a parishioner of Maternity BVM Catholic Church in Bourbonnais, and a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council 745 in Kankakee.

Robert was a member of the Moose and the Aroma Park Boat Club. He was also a member and past Commander of the Manteno American Legion. He had a Private Pilot License and enjoyed flying. He also enjoyed boating, and owned one of the first pontoon boats on the Kankakee River. It was actually a boat that he and his brothers had built themselves.

Robert served as a precinct committeeman for many years, and was an avid Cub fan, whether they were winning or losing.

He is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Bonny Arseneau of St. Michael, MN; two daughters and one son-in-law, Maribeth and Robert Hardy of Lexington, S.C., and Valarie Arseneau of Ft. Myers, FL., five

grandchildren, Derek Blanchette and Jason Wu, Alex Blanchette, Morgan Arseneau, Jacqueline Hardy, and Sarah Hardy; and one great-grandchild, Brinly Blanchette. He is also survived by one sister and brother-in-law, Ramona and Art Sitting of Kankakee.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Daniel Hardy; Brothers, Paul, George, William and Richard Arseneau; and two sisters, Delores Lergner, and Margaret Doner.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, September 11 at Maternity BVM Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. A funeral mass will be at 4 pm Tuesday at the church. Robert's cousin, Rev. Vern Arseneau will celebrate the Mass. Cremation rites will be accorded following the mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Presence Merkle-Knipprath Countryside, or Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvmchurch.org/>

Funeral Mass

SEP 11. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ *Joelene Hays lit a candle in memory of Robert A. Arseneau*



Joelene Hays - September 12, 2018 at 02:42 PM

JA

“ *You are now flying with the angels! My first airplane ride was with you in your Piper Cub --- great fun! My second flight was with you when you wanted to fly to Midway field in your Piper. We made it and had a great time watching the planes take off. On leaving the control tower told you to taxi a little faster as there were passengers planes behind you. Once you got to the speed they requested we were actually flying about 4 ft off the ground to the end of the taxi way. We landed, turned around quickly and took off at what seemed like a slow speed and got out of there. I remember you stated “Never Again” and that you were “a little stressed” - while I was having a good time. Great memory for me - Thanks! Because of that I later got my pilot license and flew a Piper 150, 172 and a 190.*

*Jim Anderson
Mary Anderson*

James Anderson - September 11, 2018 at 06:38 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you! You Dad was a great guy, always laughing and smiling!*

With our deepest sympathy,

David and Susan Surprenant

Susan Surprenant - September 11, 2018 at 06:30 PM

W.

“ Through a friend I learned of your passing. Although the time we spent together was short I always said you were the only father in law I ever had. I have fond memories of a few of those times. I remember when you showed up at my shop in the middle of the night. You had went to someone's wake but you didn't have a ride back to the nursing home. You talked someone into bringing you to the shop. You didn't want to go back to the nursing home instead you wanted to stay with me at the building. We then made a phone call and you and your daughter decided you needed to go back to Merkle. You hadn't eaten and you insisted on eating before you got back to the nursing home. I didn't understand why but it became very clear about 30 seconds after we got back. Once I got you back to your room where Lois was waiting for you it was then that I saw what I had been told was the Lois look. After Lois found out where you had been she gave you a look that would have stopped a herd of mountain lions. I knew it was time for me to leave. I wished you a lot of luck then flew out the door. The other memory I have was the last time we saw each other. You walked with me to the front door. We gave each other a hug and said goodbye. Hopefully your with Lois. I lost my mother last week and hopefully she's with my dad and 2 sons. You RIP old timer. I'll never forget you

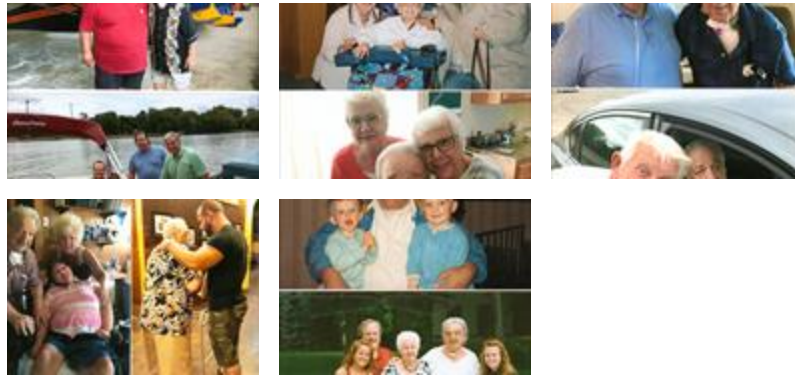
Your ex son in law

Wayne

W.Tassic - September 10, 2018 at 03:06 PM

MH

“ 36 files added to the tribute wall



Maribeth Hardy - September 10, 2018 at 10:29 AM

RK

“ He was a great guy and we always remember him @ Notre Dame grade school in Bourbonnais, Il.

Richard (Dick) Kyrouac - September 10, 2018 at 10:23 AM

FA

sorry for your loss sending prayers

Francse Arseneau - September 15, 2018 at 12:00 PM

JB

“ I was Bob's mailman for a couple of years back in the 80's, he was a really sweet guy, always enjoyed talking to him.

Jerry the Mailman

jerry bjick - September 09, 2018 at 05:48 PM