



## Robert L. Bell

July 21, 1925 - June 8, 2012

Robert "Bob" L. Bell, 86, of Bourbonnais, passed away Friday (June 8, 2012) at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais, where the funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday. The Rev. Kathy Sweet will officiate. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory in Kankakee.

Mr. Bell was born July 21, 1925, in Kankakee, the son of Robert G. and Thelma Erzinger Bell. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served from 1943 to 1946.

From 1950 to 1986, he was the owner and operator of the Bradley Ace Hardware, formerly the Bell Paint & Hardware. He was a member of St. Mark United Methodist Church in Kankakee, and a former member and past president of the Illinois Retail Hardware Association and the Rotary Club. He enjoyed working in his yard.

He is survived by his wife, the former Vera L. Crist, of Bourbonnais, whom he married Feb. 9, 1952, at Asbury United Methodist Church in Kankakee; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Steve and Debra Bell, of Bradley, and James Bell, of Bourbonnais; one daughter and son-in-law, Robin and James Marth, of Jacksonville, Fla.; four grandchildren, Angela Querry, Robert (Rachel) Boudreau, David (Justine) Bell, and Matthew (Sara) Bell; and two great-

grandchildren, Zoe Boudreau and Sophia Bell.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

# Cemetery Details

## Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-6726

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
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## Funeral Service

JUN 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ To the Bell family - Mr. Bell gave me a job when I first moved to Illinois in 1976 to live with my Grandmother, Ruth Koerner. I ended up working for him for 5 years. What a joy! I learned so much, he was so kind, as was his mother and wife. I just now have learned of his passing, my heart goes out to all of you. Steve & Debi - I miss your friendship from so long ago, please feel free to reach out if you need anything. I lost my Dad 4 years ago so know the pain and heartache - it never goes away but it does get easier. You know that he is with you forever. God bless Mrs. Bell and all of you - rest in peace Mr. Bell.

Kindly,  
Barb Monjon  
Newark, DE

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**Barb Monjon** - July 12, 2012 at 08:04 PM

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“ Much sympathy to the family of Bob Bell. He and Thelma welcomed my husband and I to Bradley back in 1952. We have shared beagle pups and friendship ever since.  
Ione Grimes Chappell

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**loneChappell** - June 12, 2012 at 06:28 PM

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“ My heart and prayers are with the family of Mr. Bell. Funny, I'm almost 65 now but to me he will always be Mr. Bell, as he was a gentle soul with a local hardware store on Broadway in Bradley when I was a small child. My parents ran the little Wabash grocery kiddy corner from Bradley Grade School (there was only one then!). I used to roam down to the hardware store now and then because he was such a nice man and Mr. and Mrs. Bell were so kind. I remember he once handed me a little stuffed kitten and how happy that made me! He was a good friend to my parents, Jessie and Irene Wilder, and highly respected by everyone who knew him. He will be missed.

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**Kay wilder** - June 12, 2012 at 07:53 AM

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“ Mr. Bell will always remain in my memories as one of the kindest, sweetest people I've known throughout my life. I remember him well when I was a child in the neighborhood of the hardware store, and will always be grateful for the friendship he and Vera found with my parents over the years. Rest in peace, Mr. Bell, and much love to Vera and family.

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**Becky Wilder** - June 11, 2012 at 02:12 PM

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“ DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO VERA & FAMILY--SINCERELY--BEA & BILL MAASS

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**BEATRICE MAASS** - June 11, 2012 at 12:29 PM