



Robert Blanchette

May 9, 1915 - February 19, 2006

Robert Blanchette -- St. George Robert "Tubby" Blanchette, 90, entered into new life Sunday (Feb. 19, 2006). He passed away at his home after a lengthy illness. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. George Catholic Church, where he was a lifelong member. Father Kenneth Yarno and Deacon Joe Cotugno will officiate. Burial will be in St. George Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. George Church remodeling fund or to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. Mr. Blanchette was a lifelong farmer in the St. George area. He was born May 9, 1915, in St. George, the son of Levi and Louise Blanchette. He loved playing cards and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Surviving are his wife, the former Oliene Giroux, whom he married Nov. 27, 1941, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Manteno; one daughter and son-in-law, Bobbie and Tom Leone of St. Peters, Mo.; one son and daughter-in-law, Lawrence and Betty Blanchette of Bourbonnais; five grandchildren, Tammy (Dave) Eckle, Heather (Scott) Delude, Bonnie (Rick) Nelson, Brian (Carolyn) Blanchette, Bernie (Amy) Blanchette; nine great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Rhea Surprenant of Manteno and Sister Mary Veronica of Provena St. Mary's Hospital. He was preceded in death by one grandson, Jason Richard Lindhorst; one great-grandson, Austin Robert Blanchette; his parents; six brothers, Elmer, Aurel, Leo, George, Walter and Edgar Blanchette; and two sisters, Ella Raymond and Chrystabelle Giroux.



“ It was so long ago I guess none will remember me. I knew the family many years ago when I lived with my parents on the Marvin Hughitt farm (now Kohls)

When I was 13 years old, I plowed the fields with his new Massey-Harris 55K

on his parents (Levi) place.

I am catholic and was always intending to go to St. George and surprise him at

church, but after my wife died, I moved

to Kentucky and now live here alone.

I send my deepest sympathies to the

family of a great man---Tubby!!!

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“ To the Blanchette Family,

Due to other committments we were unable to attend the services for "Tubby" but would like to express our sympathy to your family. i¿½You can rest assured that Jesus met "Tubby" with open arms and said "Welcome home my faithful servant, come into the kingdom of God which you have been seeking for many years".

May your love and faith help you through these trying times. You can all look back on so many happy times with your husband, Olene and you kids on your father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Your family must have so many good memories so do not dwell on the last few days but only on the years past. i¿½Speak of him often with smiles and all the love you have, he will be smiling down on you.

Peace be with all of you

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“ As a young child it was such a thrill to visit Uncle Tubby and Aunt Oliene's home/farm. Thank you for the memories! Your beautiful family legacy will certainly live on through your children, grandchildren and great grand children. Until we meet again at the big banquet in the heavens. Loving our extended family and asking the Holy Spirit to comfort each and everyone of you. Jacqui Berns

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