



Robert G. Degenhart Sr.

July 8, 1932 - September 16, 2011

Robert G. Degenhart Sr., 79, of St. Anne, passed away Friday evening (Sept. 16, 2011) following a 10-month battle with cancer. Robert entered his new life surrounded by his family at his home.

He was born July 8, 1932, in Fairbury, the son of Wilbur N. and Esther Degenhart.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, the former Leila Tammen, whom he married Feb. 23, 1951, in Forrest; children, Robert and Mary Degenhart, of Bourbonnais, Randy and Sue Degenhart, of St. Anne, and Peggy and David Kraus, of San Ramon, Calif.; grandchildren, John Degenhart, Amy Degenhart, Megan and Steve Reiter, Julie and Jeremy Hartke, Colin Kraus, Jeff Kraus and Matthew Kraus; brothers, James Degenhart (Mary) and Bruce Redford (Margaret); sister-in-law, Billie Barnhardt; and 15 nieces and nephews.

Bob managed Hicksatomic gas stations in Canton and in Kankakee. He worked at the Joliet Arsenal for several years before working at the Ford Stamping Plant in Chicago Heights, where he worked for 30 years before retiring. He was a member of the American Lutheran Church in Bourbonnais, where he was a former trustee.

Bob enjoyed traveling with his wife, especially on trips to Minnesota, Las

Vegas, Florida, California and Australia. He enjoyed visiting with family and friends, fishing, sightseeing and taking in the occasional casino. He enjoyed collecting coins, watching NASCAR, working on cars and working in the yard. He enjoyed his "breakfast club," and visiting with his good friends at the Aroma Park American Legion Post 1019 and the River Bend Bar & Grill. He loved spending time with his family, especially with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Wendell Degenhart; and one grandson, Cameron Kraus.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, and from 10 a.m. Wednesday at the American Lutheran Church in Bourbonnais, until the 11 a.m. funeral service. Pastor Tom Hillertz will officiate. Burial will be in Forrest Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Lutheran Church.

Memorials may be made to the American Lutheran Church in Bourbonnais - american-lutheran.org/

Cemetery Details

Forrest Cemetery

Forrest, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Visitation

SEP 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

American Lutheran Church
1560 Career Center Road
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-7515
<http://www.alcbourbonnais.org/>

Funeral Service

SEP **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert G. Degenhart Sr.*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - September 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *We were saddened to read the news of Bob's passing. He was a kind and gentle man. I wish all of the Degenhart family peace and loving memories of their father and grandfather.*

Paul and Marie Schmidt, Tucson, AZ

Paul and Marie Schmidt - September 21, 2011 at 01:52 PM

BR

“ *Lee, I'm so sorry for the loss of a wonderful, kind, and sweet man. He treated me with the upmost respect. We loved him dearly, and will always remember him with lots of love. God bless each of you, and know he is not suffering pain anymore.*

Margaret, and Bruce.

Bruce, & Margaret Redford - September 21, 2011 at 12:14 PM

BB

“ Lee

You have my deepest sympathy.

Bill Brough

Bill Brough - September 20, 2011 at 08:58 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Let's have a Falstaff*

D'Arcy Ballinger - September 20, 2011 at 01:37 PM

CB

“ *I would like to express my deep sympathy Lee to you and your family. God bless you during these hard times. It's been many many years ago that you, Lee, and I were in club together but I do remember the fun times we had when we all got together for our monthly gatherings and the special times we had when our husbands were with us. As I remember Bob was fun loving and we all enjoyed him as part of our group.....Carol Berg*

Carol E. Berg - September 20, 2011 at 11:36 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss, Bob was such a nice man to us, and always spoke so highly of my father, Jack.! Always enjoyed visiting with him at the boat club and legion! May God wrap his arms of peace around you all now!*

Les&Greta(Newcomb) Naese

Greta Newcomb-Naese - September 20, 2011 at 09:31 AM

VH

“ *Deepest sympathy Leila and family. I remember Bob when I was a young girl in Fairbury and after he and you were married. Virginia (Gouge) Hajny*

Virginia Hajny - September 19, 2011 at 09:18 PM

DB

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family
Dorothy Beal*

Dorothy Beal - September 19, 2011 at 04:09 PM

DK

“ *I believe Bob is the person who was our neighbor near us as teens. Thought a lot of Bob...my family's deepest sympathy to his family.
Doris Kaisner*

Doris Holland Kaisner - September 19, 2011 at 07:32 AM

EK

“ *My sympathy to the family of a former classmate from Fairbury, Illinois.
Erna Lou Kelly, Inverness, Fl.*

Erna Lou Hofmann Kelly - September 19, 2011 at 04:45 AM

CC

“ *This is your old sub mail lady, I will miss seeing you when I come back to IL. I would usually see you at River Bend. R I P Bob...*

Cheryl Clement - September 17, 2011 at 03:46 PM