



Robert F. Granger

February 8, 1947 - June 5, 2025

They say you can't fill another man's shoes! A truer statement was never said in reference to Robert "Bob" Granger. He passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Thursday, June 5, 2025 after spending his golden years suffering from Dementia. He entered this world on February 8, 1947 to Robert L. and Alice Lambert Granger and shared his life with his sister Carol and brother Edward. There was always laughter in this close-knit family.

On October 12, 1968 he married Irene Clements and started another new chapter of his life. Most of the wedding plans were made at the bowling alley where Bob bowled at least three times a week sometimes early and late shift on the same night. Bowling continued to be a big part of his life being the Secretary of the Kankakee Bowling Association for years where he was inducted into the Bowlers Hall of Fame in 1997. He was responsible for introducing and designing the KBA Ring. He also bowled for 25 years in the American Bowling Congress tournaments making memories with lifelong friends. He was also affiliated with the Midwest Bowlers Association and the Senior PBA.

He owned and operated B.I.T.'s Tavern for 15 years hosting many fundraisers to help anyone in need. So many friends and cherished memories within those four walls.

He loved spending time with friends and family in the Smokey Mountains. Continuing to share his love and generosity he was a loving foster father to many children God put in our care.

He shared his life and love with his wife, Irene; three children, Robert, Nicole McLelland Sego (John) and Richard Austin; four grandchildren, Evelyn Jo (Mateo) Collazo, Emily Mary McLelland, John Logan Sego II, and Hope Faith Granger; one sister, Carol A. Gard; one nephew, John R. Gard; two sisters-in-law, Gloria J. Granger, Sister Mary Beth Clements SSCM; one aunt, Armeline McCawley; many cousins, friends and special people in his life especially his special fur baby, Honey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, maternal and paternal grandparents; one brother, Edward; one brother-in-law, John Gard; aunts; uncles; and cousins.

We wish to thank Citadel Care Facility in Kankakee and Hospice for the love and care given to him and us during his time of need.

Visitation will be held from 2-5:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 8, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 9, 2025 at St. John Paul II West Campus, Kankakee.

Cremation rites will be accorded following the Mass.

Memorials may be made to family wishes.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus
953 South 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

RK

“ My parents, Ed & Sandy Pawlowski, have many wonderful memories bowling with Bob and Irene and the after parties at BITS. Bob was a very nice gentleman. They send the condolences to Irene and family.

Rebecca (Pawlowski) Kidd - June 19, 2025 at 03:56 PM

JW

“ Irene although it has been many years since I've seen you I'll never forget the good times Andy and I had with you and Bob and the crazy group of people we hung around with then. Just wanted you to know I'm thinking of you. May Bob Rest In Peace. Sincerely, Jane

Jane Westerhoff - June 15, 2025 at 10:24 AM

LT

“ Irene, iam am.so.sorry to hear that your husband has passed. I know you took wonderful care of him and are an inspiration to.those of us walking the same path. He is at peace now and prayers for your transition. Lisa Themer

Lisa themer - June 12, 2025 at 11:04 AM

PB

“ Irene, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I remember when I worked the snack shop at Gala Lanes and "Wolfie" was my boss. Him in the lounge and you at the front desk. Had so many good times and listening to the many bands that played in the lounge. Then you opened B.I.T.S. Those were really good memories!

Pam Buser - June 09, 2025 at 10:24 AM

WR

“ Irene and family: I wanted to send my sympathy to all of you. I will not be able to attend his wake or service but just wanted you to know I am thinking of you during this difficult time.

Wayne Ruel - June 08, 2025 at 02:00 PM

PE

“ Irene, I'm so sorry for your loss. It's hard to imagine one without the other. May you find comfort remembering all of the little things that made you giggle. Sending comforting prayers to you and your family.



Phyllis Emmerson - June 08, 2025 at 01:10 PM

SB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Irene. You and Bob were such great friends and we had such fun over the years. You were sponsors for Rex and I at our wedding. I'm sure Rex greeted Bob in heaven and are probably playing golf or bowling on day 1! My prayers are with you my friend 🙏

Sue Bell - June 08, 2025 at 09:43 AM

TD

“ Long history with Bob as they were our neighbors in my childhood. Beautiful family and Bob was a big part of that. Bob and Ilene were a loving couple and opened their home to take in foster children. They made a profound positive difference in many children's lives. Heartfelt condolences to the family. To Irene , I hope you can take some comfort knowing how much you did for children in need. □

Tom Dandelles - June 08, 2025 at 01:30 AM

NM

“ Nancy Meli lit a candle in memory of Robert F. Granger



Nancy Meli - June 07, 2025 at 07:15 PM

JE

“ Irene
I'm sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and his family.

Julie (Ponikvar) Ebersole - June 07, 2025 at 02:00 PM

PZ

“ So sorry for your loss. You may or may not remember me from when we furnished machines in your tavern and I worked with Ralph Lustik from United Sales. I remember when you first opened the tavern that I believe was once owned ty "Tom and Sis."

Paul Ziemer - June 07, 2025 at 12:59 PM

CS

“ Carla Scheppler lit a candle in memory of Robert F. Granger



Carla Scheppler - June 07, 2025 at 11:28 AM

CM

“ Rest in peace. Prayers for Irene & the family.

Cathie (Sederstrand-Bergan) Miedema



Catherine Miedema - June 07, 2025 at 10:07 AM

DB

“ So very sorry to hear this. Great memories at BITS. Bob was my 'honey'. May he rest in peace.

Dennis & Beth Bisailon - June 07, 2025 at 09:31 AM

NM

“ Nora Mehrer lit a candle in memory of Robert F. Granger



Nora Mehrer - June 07, 2025 at 02:09 AM

JA

“ My prayers are with you Irene for the loss of Bob. You guys made a great couple. May he rest in peace

Judy Jensen Ayres - June 06, 2025 at 08:49 PM

SS

“ Sincere sympathy for you Irene and family . My he rest in peace in God's glory. Suzanne Senesac Sherif.

Suzanne Senesac Sherif - June 06, 2025 at 04:33 PM

FL

“ So very sorry for the families loss. I remember going to B.I.T.S with my dad Red Blatnik. Bob was a very kind man.

Felicia Blatnik labarge

felicia labarge - June 06, 2025 at 03:45 PM

RW

Bob was a good guy worked with him a number of years at Armstrong

Roe White - June 06, 2025 at 07:59 PM