



## Robert "Gene" Tinney

October 14, 1937 - January 6, 2025

Robert Eugene "Gene" Tinney of Bourbonnais, passed away Monday, January 6, 2025 at Riverside Medical Center.

He was born October 14, 1937 in South Chicago Heights, IL, the son of Robert D and Mary Tinney. Gene married the love of his life, Judith A Lain on November 4, 1961. They were married over 63 years.

Gene served in the Army National Guard, and was a member of Maternity BVM Church.

Gene's career included teaching at KCC where he started the Machine Tool Certification Program and ultimately was a business owner for over 34 years of ET Machine Tool Inc., Bradley. He started sharpening tools out of his one car garage at night and a few years later found a niche that created a business that would soon be his life long career. His passion for machining combined with his business smarts made for a successful combination.

He was a devoted father and husband, always putting his family's needs before his own. His love for them was unwavering, a constant source of strength and warmth in their lives. Second only to his family was his love of his 1934 Ford. He was a member of the NHRA, NSRA as well as many other car clubs along the way. One of his greatest past times was working on his car

and attending numerous car shows to highlight all his hard work. He loved the comradery of all his close car buddies as well as the Saturday morning “table of knowledge” gathering. One trip he and Judy would take on a yearly basis was attending the speed time trials at Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah.

He is survived by his wife, Judith, Bourbonnais; three daughters, Lisa McKnight (Ross) of Bourbonnais, Gina Bernhardt (Steve) of Sanford, FL, and Julie Hebert (Curt) of Oviedo,FL.; six grandchildren, Zachary Whitwell, Bailey Whitwell, Max Bernhardt, Rachel Hebert, Leah Hebert, and Evan Hebert.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a sister Patricia Oliver.

Visitation will be held 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 15, 2025, also at the funeral home.

Interment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-2342

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JAN 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

AH

“ Gene was such an amazing family friend for so many years. My parents absolutely adored Gene and Judy and their family.. My prayers and love go out to all of you during this difficult time.



Angie Hasemeyer - January 16, 2025 at 07:44 PM

TA

“ Judy: We offer our prayers and condolences to you and your family on the loss of Gene. Sorry I couldn't make it. This weather is not good for my lungs. Gene was a very good man. Enjoyed talking about cars over coffee with Gene and the boys.

Terry and Judy Ayres

Terry Ayres - January 14, 2025 at 11:41 PM

JP

“ I am so sorry to learn of Gene's death. I so enjoyed working with him as a fellow faculty member at KCC and ushering with him at MBVM. His gentle soul will always be with me. My heartfelt condolences go to all his beloved family. Sincerely,  
Jim Paul

James Paul - January 14, 2025 at 04:28 PM

ED

“ Very sorry to hear about Gene.. He would come to our shop Tibor Machine Products every Thursday to pickup and return tooling. Looked forward to seeing him every week.. My condolences to the family. He will be missed. Ed Dellorto

Ed Dellorto - January 14, 2025 at 12:47 PM

DB

“ So sorry to hear of Gene's passing. Gene and I are second cousins and met later in life at car show events. It was always great to hang out with him at the car events, talking about the extended Lagacy family etc. Darrel Bruck

Darrel Bruck - January 14, 2025 at 10:56 AM

DB

Sorry I cannot be there as I am out of town.

Darrel Bruck - January 14, 2025 at 10:58 AM

MB

“ Sending heartfelt condolences.  
Mary Kay & Jim Beedle

Mary Kay Beedle - January 14, 2025 at 09:13 AM

MM

“ MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert  
"Gene" Tinney



MR MRS - January 10, 2025 at 07:51 AM

LN

“ Judy.. I am in Florida and just saw this. What a sad loss. We used to see each other nearly every day walking the mall. Sending love and hugs... Lori

Lori Naese - January 09, 2025 at 05:00 PM

JC

“ *Gene was just an awesome person. Whenever we crossed paths we always just talked about cars! Really always enjoyed his company. He will be missed.*

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**Jeff Chiero** - January 09, 2025 at 03:18 PM