



Robert H. Ward

December 27, 1926 - February 12, 2017

Robert "Bob" Hilton Ward, age 90, of Bourbonnais, passed away Sunday, February 12, 2017 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

He was born December 27, 1926 in Chicago Heights, the son of Hilton Alexander & Harriet Skeeters Ward.

Bob married Catherine Ellen Rakowski in April of 1950 at Fort Sheridan. She preceded him in death February 26, 1977.

On January 5, 1980, he married Eleanore "Ellie" Wehr in Kankakee. She preceded him in death on January 2, 2011.

Mr. Ward worked in insurance management.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and playing and watching sports.

He served in the U.S. Army for 9 years. While in the service, he played football. Prior to his time in the service, he played semi-pro baseball and basketball.

Bob was of the Roman Catholic Faith.

Surviving are two sons, Michael R. & Marianne T. Ward of Downers Grove, Patrick A. & Nancy Ward of Newburgh, IN; one daughter, Mary K. & Robert Tolmer of Bourbonnais; eight grandchildren, Catherine, Matthew, Sean, Meaghen, Erin, Rachel, Ryan, and Kelsey; nine great grandchildren, Aristidis, Sevastos, Patrick, Lettie, Silas, Emma, Lyla, Anna, and Maggie; his step-children, David McLaren of Roanoke, VA, Tim & Sharon McLaren of Kankakee, Matt & Martha McLaren of Bonfield, Amanda Jackson of North

Port, FL, Martha Moore of Roanoke, VA, Kathleen & Tom Gordon of Stevens Point, WI; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Inurnment will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at Assumption Catholic Cemetery in Winfield.

Deacon Bob Miciunais will officiate the inurnment.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Assumption Catholic Cemetery

1 S. 510 Winfield Rd.
Wheaton, IL 60189

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

FEB 18. 11:30 AM (CT)

Assumption Catholic Cemetery
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Tribute Wall

KB

“ Bob and I met at Miller. We became friends immediately!!!! Bob was such an incredible man. We grew into wonderful friends. "Grandpa Bob" to me, always had a way of making me smile. His humor, character, and personality set him apart from others. I enjoyed taking him for pizza at Sammy's Pizza and a cocktail. After I moved to Arizona, we missed each other dearly. We spoke on the phone each week and I am glad I had the chance to visit him when I was home in Illinois for Christmas. I will miss our talks and good times so much. I am glad he had a chance to meet my family and friends and be a part of our family. My sympathy and deepest condolences to his family and friends. Grandpa Bob you will always be in my heart. Love, Katie Boudreau

Katie Boudreau - February 15, 2017 at 05:58 PM

KM

“ The St. John Council 3738 of the Knights of Columbus wishes to express its deepest condolence at the passing from this life of Brother Knight Robert H. Ward. We will keep him in our prayers for repose of the souls of the departed from this life. -- Joseph P. Moffa, Grand Knight; St. John Council 3738; Knights of Columbus; 25 N. Cass Ave; Westmont, IL 60559.

Konrad Miskowicz-Retz - February 15, 2017 at 12:04 PM

DC

“ We join with the Ward family in honoring the loss of such a special friend as Bob. From the first moment we met him there was never a doubt that fun and laughter were going to follow in his footsteps and he didn't let us down.

From the minute we learned of Bob's passing the sadness was brief as fond memories of funny stories and family parties can't help but bring smiles.

With much love and sympathy to you all.....Linda and Dan Crego

Dan and Linda Crego - February 14, 2017 at 11:41 AM

DM

“ So sorry to hear about Bob's passing. I will surely miss his visits with me at work and going to lunch with him. He questioned why he was still here and I always told him "You know what they say." Only the Good Die young"...so you must have been too ornery throughout the years." He would always laugh. His fun loving personality is going to be truly missed. Love to all the family. Definitely an Angel in Heaven.

Rest in Peace Bob.

Donna Savoie Moranz

Donna Moranz - February 14, 2017 at 09:17 AM

MM

“ Buck, Pat, Mary and families, we are so sorry to hear of "Grandpa Bob"s passing. Our hearts are with you as we mourn along side you. He was a wise, loving, funny, inspirational figure and he will be surely missed. His colorful stories will be shared as family lore for many years to come. His memory will endure. God bless you all.

Martha Moore and family.

Martha Moore - February 13, 2017 at 06:31 PM

MC

Bob, I tried for 10 days to call you about our friend, Betty. Could get no answer....so sad to hear you were in distress. All KHS '44ers will miss you!

Marilyn Craig - February 14, 2017 at 05:02 PM