



## Ross J. Bertrand

April 20, 1945 - October 13, 2023

Ross J. Bertrand, age 78, of Kankakee, passed away Friday, October 13, 2023 at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee.

He was born April 20, 1945 in Kankakee, the son of Robert & Ruby Hubert Bertrand.

Ross married Deanna Summers on November 27, 1965 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Beaverville.

Ross was a retired manager of the composing room at the Daily Journal, where he had worked for 46 years.

Ross was a graduate of St. Patrick High School. He coached Little League and Pony League baseball.

He enjoyed collecting baseball cards. Ross was an avid Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears fan.

Ross was a parishioner of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Deanna Bertrand of Kankakee; two sons, Todd & Tracy Bertrand of Kankakee and Tim & Rachael Bertrand of Apache Junction, AZ; two daughters, Tammy & Kirk Malmer of Bourbonnais and Theresa Trusty of Bradley; two brothers, Dennis & Colleen Bertrand of Nisswa, MN and Greg Bertrand of Melbourn, FL; eleven grandchildren, Christine & Matt Cantrell, Casey & Justin Munson, Nathan Trusty, Tyler Trusty, Cory Trusty & his fiancée Amber, Nicholas Trusty, Joshua Bertrand, Bradley Bertrand, Tiffany Bertrand, Keegan Bertrand, and Aiden Bertrand; and four great-grandchildren, Bentley, Cora, Aubrey, and Kayson.

Ross is preceded in death by his parents; one grandson, Buck James Trusty; and one son-in-law, Terry Trusty.

Visitation will be held 4-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. Rev. John Peeters will celebrate the Mass.

Cremation rites will be accorded following the funeral Mass.

Memorials may be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 17. 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

## Funeral Mass

OCT 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
428 S. Indiana  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-6716

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ *My father (Robert) had tremendous respect for Ross while working at the Journal back in the 70s. I remember him during that time as a summer employee, he was very kind to me. My deepest condolences to his family.*

*Scott Moyer*

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**SCOTT MOYER** - October 23, 2023 at 08:22 AM

ST

“ *My condolences to the family.*



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**Sherry Trammell** - October 22, 2023 at 11:58 PM

JH

“ *I bowled with Ross for several years. We had many great times. He was a great guy and good friend. Jack Hilliker*

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**Jack Hilliker** - October 22, 2023 at 09:46 PM

JR

“ *My condolences to the family. I remember bowling with Ross really enjoyed my time with him. He always had time for anybody.*

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**Jerry Robinson** - October 18, 2023 at 08:38 PM

KB

“ I have wonderful memories of working at the Daily Journal with Ross many years ago. Despite potential stressful deadlines, he was so high energy, positive and happy. Wish the family peace and many great memories recalling the many accomplishments he had in life.

Kevin Boudreau - October 18, 2023 at 10:13 AM

DL

“ Deanna, my deepest condolence to you and all your family on the recent loss of Ross.



Debra Lambert - October 16, 2023 at 01:47 PM

TF

“ Todd Bertrand & Family lit a candle in memory of Ross J. Bertrand



Todd Bertrand & Family - October 16, 2023 at 02:46 AM

SP

“ Ross was a wonderful neighbor! He was always ready to help with his non-ending smile. Whenever I needed assistance with my yard work he was right there with a helping hand. He will not be forgotten!

Sharon Panozzo - October 15, 2023 at 01:12 PM