



Stephen Hlavach

May 1, 1929 - August 3, 2016

Stephen "Steve" Hlavach, 87, of Bourbonnais, passed away Wednesday (Aug. 3, 2016) at Our Lady of Victory Nursing Home. He was born May 1, 1929, in Chicago Heights, the son of Stephen and Eva Solik Hlavach. He married Audrey Smith on Nov. 12, 1955 in St. Mary's Church, Pesotum, Il.

Surviving are his wife, Audrey, of Bourbonnais; his children, Laura Hlavach of Springfield, Elaine Hlavach of Evanston, Mark Hlavach of Pinckney, Mich., and Peter and wife Ann Duncan Hlavach of Elmhurst; two wonderful grandchildren, Eva and Keith Hlavach; along with brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Preceding him in death were his parents and two brothers: John Hlavach of Peoria and William Hlavach of Dunwoody, Ga.

Stephen graduated from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and studied law at the University of Illinois. He proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps, fighting in the Korean War.

His passions in life were his family, community service, and serving his country as a U.S. Marine. Community service began in Richton Park as village trustee and village president. Later in Bourbonnais he was elected to public office several times to local boards including the Bourbonnais Library Board, the BBCHS High School Board, and the Village of Bourbonnais Board where

he was later appointed village administrator. Steve was Catholic and participated as a lector for many years.

He was an active member of the Marine Corps League, the VFW, the American Legion, the Amvets and the Disabled American Veterans. He may have enjoyed his last job the most. He retired as Superintendent of the Veteran's Assistance Commission of Kankakee County where he was able to help his fellow veterans.

Visitation will be on Monday, Aug. 8, at Maternity BVM Catholic Church from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. mass service. Burial will follow at All Saints Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to The Marine Corps League or the Veterans Assistance Commission of Kankakee County.

Please sign his online guest book at clancygernon.com

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvmchurch.org/>

Funeral Mass

AUG 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Tribute Wall

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“ Stanley Olenjack lit a candle in memory of Stephen Hlavach



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“ Thanks to Steve for all that he has done for our veterans in Kankakee County. You have helped so many homeless and down and out veterans, you cared about them, you gave them hope! especially Vietnam Veterans, you were a great superintendent of the County VAC, you will be missed!!!!
Till we meet again some day,
Semper Fi MARINE

Stanley Olenjack
Vice Chairman / I.V.A.C.
Illinois Dept. Of Veterans Affairs

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