



Stephen R. Stillwell

July 9, 1938 - February 25, 2015

Stephen R. Stillwell, age 76, of Bourbonnais, passed away Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was born July 9, 1938 in Morris, IL, the son of William Herman & Mineola Mattingly Stilwell. He married Zenovia L.M. Hall July 20, 1963 in Braidwood. Stephen was a master electrician at Armstrong and retired after 43 years of service. He was also a published author and wrote a trilogy of mystery books. He also wrote poetry and short stories. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army. Stephen was known for his sense of humor. Surviving are his wife, Zenovia Stillwell of Bourbonnais; three children, Annette & Steven Wisniewski of Gurnee, Michele & Bryan Beaupre of Bourbonnais, and Richard & Shawna Stillwell of Minonk; six grandchildren, Alexander Wisniewski, Ethan Wisniewski, Sean Beaupre, Nicole Beaupre, Desaray Stillwell, and LeeAnn Stillwell; one sister, Maxine Roberts of Joliet; and one brother, James Stilwell of Salem. He is preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Eva and Marie; and one brother, Ernest. Visitation will be held 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2015 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, where funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2015. Rev. Todd Peeler will officiate the service. Interment will follow at All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to the National Parkinson Foundation (<http://www.parkinson.org/>).

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 5:00 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 Service

FEB 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ *Matthew Romer lit a candle in memory of Stephen R. Stillwell*



Matthew Romer - March 08, 2015 at 07:58 PM

DI

“ *What an amazing and inspirational person! I met him and his wife when I was in the same writing class for a short time. You could tell from the first read that he was gifted. His personality just sparkled with enthusiasm, and the devotion between him and his wife was so touching. My mom also had Parkinson's, so I know what tremendous hurdles he had to deal with. His death brings a great sadness, but know that his memory will live on through his writings and in the hearts of us that he inspired. The legacy that he leaves is one that the rest of us can only hope to attain. Peace be with you.*
Donna Irene

Donna Irene - February 28, 2015 at 07:55 AM

CN

“ *I met Steve and Zenovia more than 20 years ago in a creative writing group. We ended up in two such groups together until he was no longer able to attend. Steve was a rare person of talent and wit. We always looked forward whatever neat twist his stories of poems would have and missed him so much when he was unable to be there. A fine man and true gentleman. I was fortunate to be present at their 50th anniversary celebration. My sincere sympathy to Zenovia and family.*
Carolyn Neal

Carolyn Neal - February 27, 2015 at 06:37 PM

DF

“ Zenovia, Michelle, Annette, Richard and family; Our deepest condolences. When I think of Steve I think of all goodness that we all want to see in people. So kind, caring, fun, patient. His children have these same attributes handed down from him. Your family has been such a blessing to me and my children. What a wonderful family you are and I am a better person for knowing Steve and all of you. God Bless you all, We love you very much.

Dee Foote

Dee Foote - February 26, 2015 at 05:32 PM

TK

“ *The Knickerbockers lit a candle in memory of Stephen R. Stillwell*



The Knickerbockers - February 26, 2015 at 05:28 PM

EH

“ *I had the pleasure of caring for Stehen a few years ago when he was at Miller Center. always looked forward to his sense of humor and "word" of the day. i'm very sorry for your loss.*

ellen hill - February 26, 2015 at 11:51 AM

CG

“ *Just wanted you all to know that your dad was a special person. He filled an empty place in Uncle Doc and Aunt Hazel's heart. I remember when he first came to live with them on the big farm. He has been a special part of the Cunningham family throughout the years. We will be praying for you during this sad time.*

Cheryl Grigg - February 26, 2015 at 10:52 AM