



Thomas L. McCabe

March 17, 1949 - August 10, 2011

Visitation for Thomas L. McCabe, 62, of Bourbonnais, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, where funeral services

will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Deacon Patrick Skelly will officiate. Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Mr. McCabe died Wednesday (Aug. 10, 2011) at his home. Mr. McCabe was a lifelong employee of Kmart Corp. He was born March 17, 1949, in Chicago, the son of James J. Sr. and Marjorie Rooney McCabe. He was a graduate of St. Ignatius High School in Chicago and an alumnus of Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a member of the "Seals" and a lifelong Chicago White Sox fan. Surviving are his wife, the former Juanita Barela, of Bourbonnais; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Michael and Jenna McCabe, of Kankakee, Jim and Heidi McCabe, and Thomas McCabe, all of Bourbonnais; two daughters, Renee McCabe and Sarah McCabe, both of Bourbonnais; seven grandchildren, Jamie Sarkozi, Ivy, Daisy, and Poppy McCabe, Tristan and Gabriella McCabe, and Tatum McCabe; one brother and two sisters-in-law, John and Nancy McCabe, of Chicago, and Donna McCabe, of Oak Lawn; and one adopted brother, Robert and Emma Parrillo, of Midlothian. He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, James J. McCabe Jr.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

AUG 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy Spraker lit a candle in memory of Thomas L. McCabe*



Nancy Spraker - August 20, 2011 at 06:47 PM



“ *Katie Heebner lit a candle in memory of Thomas L. McCabe*



Katie Heebner - August 18, 2011 at 07:35 PM



He was the greatest Sox Fan ever, everytime I wear my jersey it will be for Tom, he was a great boss at kmart, he was always making me laugh and smile. He is truely missed.

Katie Heebner - August 18, 2011 at 07:39 PM



“ *Eddie J Sarkozi II lit a candle in memory of Thomas L. McCabe*



Eddie J Sarkozi II - August 18, 2011 at 02:38 AM

EI

*I am sorry for your great loss.
He was more like a father figure to me than my own father was. My
prayers go out to the family.*

Eddie J Sarkozi II - August 18, 2011 at 02:53 AM

CW

“ *He was my mom's boss...he always made us
feel welcome everytime we visited her at the
store...he was a very good hearted
man.....May God Bless Him!!!*



Cindy Wagner - August 17, 2011 at 11:31 AM

CS

“ *Chris Slegr lit a candle in memory of Thomas
L. McCabe*



chris slegr - August 17, 2011 at 09:27 AM

MY

“ *Monica Young lit a candle in memory of
Thomas L. McCabe*



Monica Young - August 16, 2011 at 11:20 PM

LW

“ *Liz White lit a candle in memory of Thomas L. McCabe*



Liz White - August 16, 2011 at 09:52 PM

ES

“ *Edward Swies lit a candle in memory of Thomas L. McCabe*



Edward Swies - August 16, 2011 at 08:44 PM



“ *I worked with Tom in Saint Paul MN in 1972-73 as Kmart Assistant Managers. The manager we worked for was a real piece of work, but we survived. Tom was a great guy and knew how to have a good time. Those were great times. I lost track of Tom over the years and was sorry to hear of his passing.*



Ronald Schwantes - August 16, 2011 at 07:43 PM

DS

“ I worked in the same District as Tom when we were assistants in Minneapolis/St. Paul. My wife and two children always remember being invited over to Tom and Janie's for tacos. Best we ever had and haven't eaten that many since. I caught up with him a few years ago and gave him a call. Always great and entertaining to talk with. His wife, Janie, had worked with me in St. Paul. Super people! I know how highly thought of he was and how much he will be missed by family, associates, peers, customers, and the Kmart Corporation. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family.

Dan and Linda Sonsthagen and Family.

Dan Sonsthagen - August 16, 2011 at 07:27 PM

KG

“ I worked for Tom McCabe at 2 different KMart stores. I think he is one of the smartest people I ever met. I consider him a dear friend. I always looked forward to running into him at Super K in Bourbonnais, while he was doing his grocery shopping. I consider him to be a dear friend and I will miss him tremendously. Heartfelt prayers to the McCabe family.

Karen Goeing - August 16, 2011 at 04:24 PM

JM

“ It was a pleasure knowing both Tom and Jim McCabe. As young men Tom and Jim would play catch in the alley and let me run bases. Most young people wouldn't give kids the time of day. But it seemed they were out there with me every day for hours. So nice to see it continued on. Just very genuine people. My deepest sympathy to the entire McCabe family.

Jim McMahan

Jim McMahan - August 16, 2011 at 02:44 PM

MA

“ So sad to learn of Tom's passing. I dealt directly with Tom on behalf of the Manteno Kmart DC for so many years, and our battles over Cubs/Sox rivalry have always been so much fun. He was a man that you had instant respect and fondness for, as he just knew how to treat people. I will miss him greatly. My prayers are with all of Tom's family. Michael Ahrens- Transportation Manager Manteno Kmart Dc

Michael Ahrens - August 16, 2011 at 01:48 PM

TG

“ We are deeply saddened to learn of Tom's passing. Our Manteno DC team worked with Tom over the past 20 years servicing stores that he managed. Tom gave many, many years of dedicated service to Kmart Corporation. He was a terrific store manager but much more importantly a terrific man and a good friend to us all. He will be missed greatly

Tim Donahoe, Kmart Manteno GM - August 16, 2011 at 01:29 PM

NZ

“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of such a wonderful man. I worked for Tom for many years. He was like a father figure to me. My deepest sympathy goes out to his family. He will truly be missed.

Natalie Zalewski

Natalie Zalewski - August 16, 2011 at 11:25 AM

RB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Tom was a great man. Both of our girls worked for him at the KMart store in Bellevue, NE. He was wonderful to them. I remember fondly the neighborhood competitions between the McCabes, Pearces and Mossers!! What great fun!

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the McCabes.

The Baldwin Family - Bob, Donna, Lisa, Becky and Joey

Robert & Donna Baldwin - August 16, 2011 at 11:15 AM

EW

“ Elizabeth White lit a candle in memory of Thomas L. McCabe



elizabeth white - August 15, 2011 at 10:17 PM

EW

“ Tom was my boss for years at the Kankakee Kmart. He was a tough boss, but a good boss and most of all a good friend. His love for the White Sox was so real. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Mc Cabe family. All of you at Kmart who had Tom as a boss, will never forget that great laugh!!! If there was a Hall of Fame for White Sox Fans. It would read ---- Tom Mc Cabe White Sox Fan For Life -- God Bless You Tom Love Liz White and Family

elizabeth white - August 15, 2011 at 10:14 PM

TL

“ Thomas J. Tim Leslie lit a candle in memory of Thomas L. McCabe



Thomas J. Tim Leslie - August 15, 2011 at 10:00 PM

AP

“ Tom was my boss for years at Kmart and has always been my friend.. Truly an all around fun, loving gentleman. He will be missed. I think I will remember his laugh the most.
My favorite white sox fan.

In my thoughts and prayers.
Annette Pacente

Annette Pacente - August 15, 2011 at 01:53 PM

CL

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to your family during this very difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss

Crystal Leriger-Brady - August 15, 2011 at 11:31 AM

JB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire McCabe Family during this difficult time. I will never forget the kindness of Mr. McCabe throughout my childhood in Bourbonnais. An avid White Sox fan, I've never forgotten his Red Thunderbird.

Justin B. Brookshaw - August 15, 2011 at 10:32 AM

AS

“ I feel very fortunate to have worked so closely with Tom. Not only was he a great and enthusiastic manager, Tom was a generous man who took the time to know everyone. His humor and understanding has helped many of us through difficult times. Memories of Tom and his quick wit will continue to bring a smile to me and the many other lives he has touched. I will miss him so very much. I extend my deepest sympathy to Tom's wife, children, grandchildren and family friends on your loss.

Ann Schipits

Ann Schipits - August 15, 2011 at 07:39 AM

ZT

“ Zenda Tropoloc-Francisco lit a candle in memory of Thomas L. McCabe



Zenda Tropoloc-Francisco - August 14, 2011 at 09:32 PM

ZT

“ First I would like to send out my thoughts and prayers to the McCabe family, I am so sorry for your loss. I loved Mr. Cabe, Kmart was my first job, so he was my first boss, and what a boss he was!!! He was always cracking jokes and made the day fun!! My most fond memory of Mr. McCabe was when we had shut down the store and had the Salvation Army come in and we were letting some of the underprivileged children come in and spend the money that was allotted for each child, which turned out to be \$5.00. Well Mr. McCabe didn't think the kids would be able to buy anything with that so he said, "baby Z (which is what he called me) go get some of the discontinued toys and mark them down to 10 to 25 Cents. Those kids went crazy! I think he marked everything down they wanted. He was the sweetest, kindest, craziest man I ever knew and I loved him deeply, he was like a father figure to me. He always ate those nasty blue mints and always offered me some, and he knew darn well i hated them!! Mr. McCabe came to my wedding, to the hospital when my daughter Zoey was born, he said "Baby Z, you had a Baby Z!" He went to mother and my fathers funeral. He was the one who gave my dad his name "Wild Bill". His generosity and laugh will never be forgotten, he touched many lives and he will be missed greatly. Goodbye to one of the great ones. love "Baby Z"
Zenda Tropoloc-Francisco

Zenda Tropoloc-Francisco - August 14, 2011 at 09:29 PM

DG

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the McCabe family. I worked for Tom at the Lasning Kmart and he made everyday a good time!! He always treated his employees with respect and cared deeply for them. I wish everyone could have a boss like him. I live in Florida now and everytime we get a White Sox game on tv I think of him and his love for the team and the times my husband and I would see him at the games. He will be truly missed by all those who had the pleasure to know him. God Bless Tom and his family. Donna Gronski

Donna Gronski - August 14, 2011 at 08:49 PM

MG

“ You will be greatly missed my friend.
Merlin

marilyn godwin - August 14, 2011 at 07:21 PM

JD

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you! I (Megan) will always remember Tom from the KMart days in Kankakee. We all loved when he would close the store, because he wanted to leave just as bad as we did, so he wasn't picky about straightening aisles. He was a great man and I will never forget him or the wonderful family he has left behind. Our hearts go out to you all. John and Megan Denault

John Denault - August 13, 2011 at 04:03 PM

LG

“ *My Thoughts and prayers go out to Tom's family, He will truly be missed. I thought i was a sox fan until i met Tom, then I learned what a real sox fan was, I loved the times I had the chance to work at his store for the day, The conversaton would always start out Hey Kiddo, what do you think about our sox? then he would ask How are you doing? such a kind man, I will never forget him.*

Laura Gargano

Laura Gargano - August 13, 2011 at 03:50 PM

DK

“ *I had the pleasure of working for Tom at my first job and wish that all the managers I worked under had been as considerate as he was. My sympathy goes out to his family in their time of loss.*

Denise Konkol

Denise Konkol - August 13, 2011 at 01:50 PM

JM

“ *12 files added to the album New Album Name*



John McCabe - August 13, 2011 at 11:00 AM

JF

Thanks, John, for the great pics. My sincere condolences. John Frantz

John Frantz - August 14, 2011 at 07:57 AM

JM

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



John McCabe - August 13, 2011 at 10:57 AM

DD

“ I have been very fortunate to have worked with Tom for many years and locations(Matteson,Lansing,and OakLawn). In every store he touched many lives and left everlasting memories. If you didn't understand something he would take the time to explain or even show you how. Everyday he would greet each of his employee's with hello or hey kiddo. I have learned many things from this fine,and wonderfully man. These are indelible memories I will continue to fondly recall. You can imagine the memories that I have of Tom while he was watching the Sox vs.Cubs in the Crosstown. Tom will be truely missed. My deepest sympathy to his wife,children,and grandchildren.



Daun DePaul

Daun DePaul - August 12, 2011 at 09:31 PM

RH

I've only none him for the last five years, but he has made a big impact in my life forever. I will miss him and think of him everytime I past his office and that voice hey kiddo you ok, And to the family you have my deepest sampathy. Rest on Big Daddy. Roz Harrison

rosalind harrison - August 13, 2011 at 04:08 PM

KR

“ Tom has been my boss for a little over 5 years and the impact he has put on my life...I cannot put into words. He was not only a boss to me, but a friend! His humor, which sometimes I had to stop and think, did he really say that, would bring a smile to my face! He took time to get to know his employees and their families. My kids really liked Tom and had no problem talking baseball with him or anything else, he was just that easy to talk to. My heart goes out to his wife, kids, and grandkids! I am grateful to have had Tom as my boss! He will be forever in my heart and truly missed!
Kelly Rhodes & Family



Kelly Rhodes - August 12, 2011 at 01:33 PM

JM

I remember Tom and family leaving across the street from us in Bellevue. Back when the neighborhood was just that. Tom had a way with people. I remember the laughs that my dad, Paul, Donny and Tom would share out in someones driveway. Normally sipping on Old Milwaukee and talking about whatever back then all of us kid considered to be old people would talk about. My Love for Chicago Bears football can be directly attributed to Tom McCabe and the boys. He will be missed. Rest in Peace Tom.....

Joel Mosser - August 17, 2011 at 03:14 PM