



Thomas McDermott

November 16, 1939 - July 17, 2008

Visitation for Thomas E. "Tom" McDermott, 68, of Kankakee, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, Kankakee. Father Dennis Settles will officiate. Burial, with military rites provided by the Kankakee American Legion Post 85, will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made for Masses or to the American Cancer Society. He died Thursday (July 17, 2008) at Riverside Medical Center. Mr. McDermott worked at Hicks Gas and Bradley Roper until it closed, and for five years at River Valley Metro. He was born Nov. 16, 1939, in Piper City, the son of Eugene and Catherine Smith McDermott. He served in the U.S. Army with Co. B, 708th Ordnance Battalion, as a field radio repairman, serving two years in Germany. He was a member of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church for more than 30 years. He was a die-hard Cubs fan, enjoyed yardwork and traveling and was an avid war historian. Surviving are his wife, the former Marilyn Sorensen, whom he married July 6, 1968, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley; one son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Kim McDermott of Bourbonnais; one daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and Brian Cyrier of Bradley; one granddaughter, Gillian McDermott; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Barbara and Harry Pokarney of Dwight, Mary Nylander of Fort Meyers, Fla.; mother-in-law, Lucille Sorensen of Kankakee; and many nieces and nephews. Deceased are his parents; father-in-law, Orville Sorensen; one brother-in-law, Gail Nylander;

and one nephew, Dennis Nylander.



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