



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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“ Aunt Marilyn, Mark & Kathleen & families,

My deepest sympathy to all of you, my

thoughts & prayers are with you at this

time. i ½Even though I can't be there with you all, please know I am thinking

of you & praying for you..

Love you all, Lori, Mike & Dan McConnell

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“ My prayers are with the family. i ½Tom was the best bus driver River Valley Metro had. i ½He was a very nice, friendly person. i ½He will truly be missed.

May God continue to strengthen you and your family in this time of bereavement.

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