



Vernon Sonny Osenga Jr.

September 12, 1950 - November 30, 2013

Visitation for Vernon "Sonny" Osenga Jr., 63, of Kankakee, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, where funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday. The Rev. Mark Moore will officiate. Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. He passed away Saturday (Nov. 30, 2013) at his home.

Mr. Osenga was a maintenance mechanic for 40 years at Riverwood International in Kankakee and Diageo in Plainfield. He was born Sept. 12, 1950, in Kankakee, the son of Vernon Gerrit Sr. and Martha Marie Gillihan Osenga. His interests included golf, flying, hunting and fishing. He enjoyed competition pistol shooting and spending time with his family, especially his new granddaughter, Isabel.

Surviving are his wife, the former Jackie Blanchette, of Kankakee, whom he married Aug. 22, 1998, in Kankakee; one son, Josh Osenga and Amy Misner, of Sycamore; two stepsons, Tony Morrical, of Kankakee, and Christopher Hubert, of Chicago; one granddaughter, Isabel; six stepgrandchildren; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Jackie and Dave Coulman, of Kankakee, and Sharon and Billie Calloway, of Erin, Tenn.; and three brothers and one sister-in-law, Larry and Connie Osenga, Bruce Osenga and Roger Osenga, all of Kankakee.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Constance Perry; and several aunts and uncles.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
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Memorial Service

DEC 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Vernon Sonny Osenga Jr.



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - November 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ To the family of Sonny Osenga, I really had respect and loved the challenges he would give me when we target shot together. Once he and I and Dick Rodgers(rip) and somebody else, - escapes me now,... entered a shooting match as a team over in Pontiac. We won and they never invited us back.... Sonny and I shot our best and we snickered for years about that this was way back in the 80's.....
Good man, knowlegable and I'm better for knowing him....
Tom Longtin
Bradley II



Tom Longtin - December 09, 2013 at 02:42 PM

AF

“ jackie and stephanie,larry...my thoughts and prayers are with your family...rip sonny

angela fry - December 08, 2013 at 10:01 PM



“ *Sonny was my man!*

Tony Morrival - December 07, 2013 at 12:50 AM



He was always a great StepFather. Awesome listener, and shared his knowledge and wisdom.

Tony Morrival - December 07, 2013 at 12:51 AM

SH

“ *You are truly missed my dear friend. We shared many good laughs. Rest In Peace*

Scott Hamilton - December 05, 2013 at 12:42 AM

KG

“ *So Sad To Hear Sonny Has Passed. He Was A Great PersOn. Worked Many Years At Riverwood With Hlm. Prayers To His Famiky.*

Kathy Glogowski - December 04, 2013 at 09:47 PM

PH

“ *never will forget all the years i worked with sonny such a nice guy will always miss ya your safe in heaven pam hofer*

Pamela Hofer - December 04, 2013 at 08:45 PM



“ *Kenneth Mausehund Sr. lit a candle in memory of Vernon Sonny Osenga Jr.*



Kenneth Mausehund Sr. - December 04, 2013 at 08:00 PM



“ Jackie, Sonny was the Sweetest Lunchroom attendee- Poptarts, of all things, were his favorite. While you worked at the Cafe with me It warmed my heart to see him starring at you during your shift every time you were there. True love is never lost-my thoughts are with you. Cindy Laskowski from Diageo Cafe

Cynthia Laskowski - December 04, 2013 at 11:45 AM

DA

“ worked with sonny many years Dennis Alexander

dennis alexander - December 04, 2013 at 06:53 AM

AB

“ I will always remember how Sonny would sing Dear Abbey, Dear Abbey whenever he saw me in the hallway or wherever at Diageo. You will be missed by many!



abbey - December 03, 2013 at 11:26 PM

SG

“ Sonny was a great colleague at Diageo and he taught me a lot all while having fun. He always told me he had the best wife.

Sebrenna Graves - December 03, 2013 at 10:41 PM

LM

“ Dear Jackie... We've never met, but have heard many nice things about you. We are very saddened by Sonny's death. What a long ordeal you have all been through. You've been in our prayers through his illness and will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers now, as you grieve for your husband and friend. May God provide you the comfort you need now, and the strength to go through the months of sorrow and adjustments. Hopefully it will help you a little knowing that you have family and friends that care about you and will be there for you.
Our sincerest sympathies ~ Sonny's cousin - Linda and Terry

Linda and Terry Meyer - December 03, 2013 at 09:24 PM

LM

“ Cousins Jackie, Larry, Sharon, Bruce and Roger....We want you all to know that we are SO sorry about Sonny's passing. It seemed he was quite the trooper through all he'd gone through. Folks have said he never complained!!! Sounds like him...a bit quiet! Have been remembering fun times spent at your house in Bonfield when we were all young. Also thinking about all our FAMILY gatherings, especially at Christmas. There were sure LOTS of us when we all got together. Grandma and Grandpa were sure proud of all 34 of us grandkids!!! With their 8 kids and their spouses....that would have made 52 of us, including Grandma and Grandpa Osenga! We'll certainly miss Sonny, but pray that he is at rest now, and at peace in his Heavenly home that's been prepared for him. God bless you and comfort you all during this time of grieving.
Love you all.....Cousin-Linda and Terry

Linda and Terry Meyer - December 03, 2013 at 09:18 PM

EE

“ Ed And Sheila Eckhoff lit a candle in memory of Vernon Sonny Osenga Jr.



Ed and Sheila Eckhoff - December 03, 2013 at 05:46 PM



“ I remember the name Sonny Osenga from when I was a kid in Bonfield. We lived in the big, green house around the corner; Mom & Dad spoke of Sonny and his family fairly often. I was listening to WVLI on the Internet when I heard about Sonny's passing. My condolences to his family & friends.



Jeff Olsen - December 03, 2013 at 05:37 PM

CL

“ So sorry to hear about Sonny. I only met him a couple of times, but have heard of him often in my life. My brother, Gerald Lamb, and Sonny were good friends. He often talked of their exploits in their younger days. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Carla Lamb and Janice Lamb-Trout - December 03, 2013 at 02:45 PM

CH

“ Christine Page Huffman lit a candle in memory of Vernon Sonny Osenga Jr.



Christine Page Huffman - December 03, 2013 at 03:32 AM

CH

Josh.... My thoughts are with you and your mom. Your dad was a wonderful man. Shared a lot of good time together with my family.....The Page family

Christine Page Huffman - December 03, 2013 at 03:35 AM

JP

“ *Julia Denault Parker lit a candle in memory of Vernon Sonny Osenga Jr.*



Julia Denault Parker - December 02, 2013 at 10:45 PM

JP

Jackie, you are in my thoughts and prayers. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Julia Denault Parker - December 02, 2013 at 10:50 PM

SW

“ *Josh, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time while you mourn the loss of your dad. May you feel God's loving arms around you for comfort and peace.*
The Whitten Family

Stacy Whitten - December 02, 2013 at 08:33 PM

RT

“ *Jackie, our thoughts and prayers are with you, all of our condolences to you, and the family. Randy and Judy Timms*



Randy J Timms - December 02, 2013 at 06:38 PM