



## Vince Giardina

August 8, 1924 - April 13, 2011

Vincent Giardina, 86, of Bourbonnais, died Wednesday (April 13, 2011) at his home, surrounded by his family, after a long battle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. At Mr. Giardina's request, there will be visitation only from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, it was Mr. Giardina's request that memorials be made for his grandson Adam Despain's education.

He was born Aug. 8, 1924, in Kankakee, the son of Vincent and Pauline Solomoni Giardina. Mr. Giardina was a commercial realtor and developer and was in real estate since 1955. He owned and operated Giardina Commercial Realtors, A&G Sparkle Car Wash, EZ Lube 10-Minute Oil Change, Aldi Foods and Pizza Hut. He was responsible for land acquisition for retail developments in the state of Illinois and Indiana; and developed and was part owner of Evergreen Acres. He was involved in projects throughout Illinois, Indiana, Florida and California, including developing Best Buy appliance in Lansing, Burger King, Mr. Steak, Taco Bell, Baker's Square, Cracker Barrel Old Country Store and Restaurant, Perkins Cake & Steak (15 throughout Illinois and Indiana), Long John Silver's restaurants, Pizza Hut, Eagle Food, Marathon Oil, Aldi Foods, Krogers, Walgreens, OfficeMax, CVS, Bradley's Garden, Arby's, Ponderosa Steak House, Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon, Steak 'n Shake, Wendy's, Golden Bear Family Restaurant, K's Merchandise Mart, Lowe's

home hardware, IHOP, Play It Again Sports and the Red Roof Inn. He retired from commercial real estate after 47 years. He was a member of the National Association of Realtors, Kankakee County Board of Realtors and the Northern Illinois Commercial Association of Realtors. He attended Calvary Bible Church.

He spent his retirement enjoying the time with his wife, Jan, and grandson, Adam. He loved sports, cooking, woodworking, Bible study and fellowship with friends and members of Calvary Bible Church. They were very supportive through many difficult illnesses showing love, compassion and many prayers.

Mr. Giardina lived his life to the fullest and was grateful for all of his blessings. He was a wonderful, loving, attentive and giving husband and grandfather. He looked forward to the weekends he spent with his grandson, Adam, who was the joy of his life.

Surviving are his wife, the former Jan LeDuke, whom he married Sept. 13, 1987; one son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Melissa Despain, of Bourbonnais; two grandchildren, Adam Despain, of Bourbonnais, and Dustin (Tandy) Ahlemann, of Washington; great-granddaughter, Aubrie Ahlemann, of Washington; brother-in-law, Claude Baker, of Kankakee; two sisters-in-law, Sharon Giardina, of Bradley, and Mary Giardina, of Kankakee; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Joseph, Ralph, Sam and Jules Giardina; five sisters, Bridget Caleca, Mary Mitchell, Veneda Castongia, Madeline Baker and Rose Moreno; and three nephews, Brian, Jim and

Richard Giardina.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 17. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
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# Tribute Wall

GR

“ Vince,  
We certainly missed your delightful presence at the Bible Studies these past months. As others have commented, I only remember you with a pleasant smile on your face and an infectious zest for life. We will miss you: until we join you. May Jan be able to move through the grieving process as graciously as we have witnessed her moving through life. We at Calvary love you both.  
Glen Reel

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Glen B Reel - April 22, 2011 at 07:48 PM

TS

“ Worked @ A@G Carwash, When I was teen. Thank you ! Vinny !  
My heart goes out to your family.

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Timothy a Shea - April 18, 2011 at 09:27 PM

JR

“ In loving memory of Vince our family always enjoyed the cookouts at Tom & Melissa's with you and Jan. Also the Christmas dinners at our house when you could make it. Jason & Christopher enjoyed visiting with both you & Jan. When you see Jason give him a big hug from all of us! Thank you



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Jacqueline Rudolf - April 15, 2011 at 06:55 PM

JR

“ *Jacqueline Rudolf lit a candle in memory of Vince Giardina*



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**Jacqueline Rudolf** - April 15, 2011 at 06:51 PM

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“ *Carol Lynch sent a virtual gift in memory of Vince Giardina*



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**Carol Lynch** - April 15, 2011 at 06:18 PM



“ *We always enjoyed our visits at Tom and Melissa's house. We would sit around the table and talk, and laugh, with Jan and Vince. We are going to miss you Vince. Sincerely, Earl and Carol Lynch*



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**Carol Earl Lynch** - April 15, 2011 at 06:14 PM

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“ *We always looked forward to seeing Vince on Saturdays and chatting on his front porch about old times. He always had a funny and interesting story to tell. He was a good man and will be missed!*  
*-Steph and Jeff Hanson*

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**Stephanie Hanson** - April 15, 2011 at 11:13 AM

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*He was a good neighbor and friend to my daughter and son-in-law and their children we will miss you and always fondly remember you! -  
Richard and Laura Rauch*

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**Laura L Rauch** - April 15, 2011 at 12:55 PM

JH

*He was not only our neighbor but a good friend...I could sit on the front porch and talk to Vince all day....Vince and I talked about all of the things we could of done together in business if we only had the opportunity...He would say to me you and I should be flipping houses....Vince was one of a kind and I don't there will be a day that I won't think about him and miss him....I hear his laugh every time I think of him.....I miss you Vince.....Jeff Hanson*

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**Jeff Hanson** - April 15, 2011 at 06:18 PM