



## Virgil Conway

April 22, 1923 - December 20, 2008

Graveside services for Virgil E. Conway, 85, of Kankakee, will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the St. Anne Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. He died Dec. 20, 2008 at Riverside Medical Center. Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home, St. Anne, is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Conway was a self-employed hairstylist in Chicago for many years. He was born April 22, 1923, in Kankakee, the son of Paul and Louba Giasson Conway. His wife, the former Vernice M. Barnhart, whom he married Sept. 24, 1947, died Jan. 13, 2004. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force serving as a B-24 Tailgunner in the European Theater of Operations. He was shot down and was a former POW. He received five bronze stars and the Purple Heart. He was a member of the Masons and a former member of the American Legion. Surviving are one sister and brother-in-law, Lila and Herbert Crosby of Bonfield; one sister-in-law, Evelyn Conway of Bourbonnais; and several nieces and nephews. Deceased are one son, Curtis Conway; four brothers, Victor, Ray, Minor "Spud" and Harold; and one infant sister, Leda.

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“ Dearest Virgil~ <br><br>May you and your family know:<br><br>Our journey with you, here on Earth, was only for a moment, but the memories will be treasured for a lifetime.<br><br>You were a great friend to my father, Ernie Cattani aka "GrandDude" while you resided at Butterfield Court. ĩ½He will miss you trememdously, but your spirit will live on forever!!<br><br>We know God has a special place for you! You talked to us often about waiting to meet your family again...happy are you now that you are resting in peace with them!<br><br>Peace, love and blessings, <br><br>Carey and Beckie Ellis<br><br>Ernie Cattani (GrandDude)##imported-begin##Carey and Beckie Ellis##imported-end##

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“ Words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss. ĩ½Virgil was a dear friend to all of us at Butterfield. ĩ½He is missed very much. ĩ½He will always hold a special place in our hearts. ĩ½Thank you for sharing him with us. ĩ½<br><br>Sincerely yours,<br><br>Cookie Longtin##imported-begin##Cookie Longtin##imported-end##

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“ My sincere sympathy to the family of Virgil. I have known Virgil for many years as his wife Vernice and I were friends from Freshman in High School until her passing. We corresponded on a regular basis and spoke weekly on the phone until she passed. ¶½Virgil and Vernice were so generous about bringing us goodies from Chicago whenever they would go there while living with her Mother in St. Anne. ¶½Virgil loved French meat pie and home made dressing and I always saw to it that he would get some of both whenever a holiday came around. ¶½And how he loved home canned tomatoes so I gave some of them to him, too. Had the pleasure of<br><br>visiting with him at the Brickstone Restaurant in late September when we had our annual class luncheon. ¶½He seemed to be feeling well so I was very surprised when I read of his passing. ¶½He is now resting in peace with his family.##imported-begin##lone Hebert##imported-end##

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