

Wilbert "Bud" Fraser

January 30, 1926 - July 4, 2015

Wilbert R. "Bud" Fraser, 89, of Kankakee, passed away Saturday (July 4, 2015) at Miller Health Care Center in Kankakee.

He was born Jan. 30, 1926, in Rochester, N.Y., the son of Raymond and Thelma Fraser. Wilbert married Mary Wheeler on Oct. 20, 1955, in Evanston.

Bud was a retired employee of Wheeler Tractor, a graduate of the University of Rochester, a member of the Rotary Club of Kankakee, Crimestoppers and was a court monitor.

He served our country in the U.S. Army during World War II and participated in the Honor Flight.

As Bud would say, "I'm fine."

Surviving are his son and daughter-in-law, James and Kate Fraser, of Cape Coral, Fla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Margo and Todd Valentine, of Willowbrook, and Missy Fraser Skroboton (John), of Kankakee; one brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Jackie Fraser, of Rochester, N.Y.; and three grandchildren, Brittany Baird, Ashley Baird and Kelsey Fraser.

Preceding him in death were his wife (Jan. 22, 2002); parents; and longtime

friend, Jackie Gibbs.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, Kankakee. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Kankakee, with the Rev. Sunny Castillo officiating. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley, St. Teresa Catholic Church in Kankakee or the Rotary Club of Kankakee.

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St. Teresa Church - www.stteresacatholics.org/
Rotary Club -

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Teresa Catholic Church
333 St. Joseph Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-7683

Tribute Wall

MM

“ He was a great guy. We spent great times with Bud and Mary, our deepest sympathy to the family, Tom and Mary Maass

Mary Maass - July 08, 2015 at 10:06 PM

MC

“ I have many great memories of Uncle Bud, so sad to hear of his passing. Ever since I was kid, we would see him at the John Deere store, at the horse shows, at his home. He even bought his Toyota Avalon from me and recently saw him out to dinner with Margo and Todd. Nothing but nice things to say about Uncle Bud. A really cool guy and I have very good memories. We will pray for the family during this tough time.

Michael Connery - July 08, 2015 at 04:30 PM

CM

“ Margo, Brittany, and Ashley
I am so sorry for your loss. He was such a wonderful man, lots of laughs at the Horse shows.

Chris Murphy - July 07, 2015 at 03:23 PM

GF


“ Wonderful big brother to Gary! He will be remembered for all the things he did for us and the fun times we have had together at family gatherings in NY and Kankakee. We are thankful we got together recently. Gary and Jacque

Gary Fraser - July 07, 2015 at 01:59 PM

KF

“ I had the honor and pleasure of knowing Bud through our Kankakee Rotary Club and at the courthouse. Bud was the nicest person. We cleaned the highway together and always seemed to want the same time to ring the Salvation Army bell. During those bell-ringing moments he spoke of family and friends. I could tell he had a tremendous love for his family and friends; and if I properly recall, horses too. He was one of those truly good human beings who will be missed by many I am sure. I have missed him at Rotary and will continue to miss him a lot. May God continue to bless you all during this very difficult time. I am praying for you all. I am sure we will see him again in heaven.

Karren Simone Farmer - July 07, 2015 at 11:03 AM

 Sarah
Cheffer-
Schoon

“ I had the honor of meeting Bud through Rotary, and has been missed by our members. Our prayers are with you. Sarah Cheffer-Schoon, and the Rotary Club of Kankakee.

Sarah Cheffer-Schoon - July 06, 2015 at 03:09 PM

RM

I met Mr. Fraser through the Kankakee Rotary Club some years ago. He was so full of life, and I am sure he will be missed by many. My deepest sympathy to his family.

Rose Devine Mitchell - July 07, 2015 at 07:32 AM

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Karren Simone Farmer - July 07, 2015 at 11:01 AM

BH

I have known Mr. Fraser for going on 40 years. Met him at the 1977 Kankakee Charity Horse Show on the racetrack there in town where he and Mrs Fraser (Mary) were on the show committee along with Mary's father (show chairperson), J.P. Wheeler. I became friends with the family and his daughter Margo and I have shared life's ups and downs together via our longtime friendship. It was always great to see Bud and Mary at horse shows and also at various functions at Margo's home. He loved his family dearly and was ever so proud of his grand-kids. Godspeed Bud. You were a good man.

Brendan Heintz - July 07, 2015 at 04:40 PM

NA

A very good and kind man. Our sympathy to the family.

Nick/Shirley Africano - July 09, 2015 at 05:02 PM