



## Wilbur Schwark

June 29, 1926 - July 4, 2011

Visitation for Wilbur Carl Schwark, 85, of Kankakee, formerly of Bonfield, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, where funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday. Pastor Mel Nielson will officiate. Burial will be in the Bonfield Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley, the Bonfield Lions, or to the Bonfield First United Methodist Church, where he was a member. He died Monday (July 4, 2011) at Riverside Medical Center. Mr. Schwark was postmaster of Bonfield for 29 years, retiring in 1986. He was born June 29, 1926, in Salina Township, Bonfield, the son of Edward F. and Florence Marie Schultz Schwartz. His first wife, the former Dorothy A. Chafey, whom he married Aug. 23, 1947, died Sept. 25, 1992. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II in Okinawa and Leyte. He received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Combat Infantry Badge. He was a village trustee in Bonfield for 20 years and a manager for 15 years for the Bonfield-Limestone Little League. He was a member of the Kankakee American Legion Post 85, the Lions International, the Salina Sportsman's Club and the League of Postmasters. He enjoyed golfing and traveling. Surviving are his wife, the former Fostine Milton Dahn, of Kankakee, whom he married Nov. 13, 1993, in Bonfield; three sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis Carl and Paula Schwark, of Herscher, Gary Alan and Carolyn Schwark, of Lafayette, Ind., and Mark Wane and Joann Schwark, of Herscher; one daughter, Lana Kay Schwark, of Tucson, Ariz.; one stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Gary and Kathy Dahn, of

Bonfield; one stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Cheryl and Bernard Weber, of Ashkum; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Howard and Merle Schwark; and two sisters-in-law, Grace Schwark and Arlene Schwark.

# Cemetery Details

## Bonfield Cemetery

Bonfield, IL 60913

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 7. 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 Service

JUL 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Fossil,  
Ray and I were so sorry to hear of Wilbur's passing. It was always fun to go into the post office and pick up the mail when he was on the other side of the counter!!! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Our deepest sympathy.  
Ray and Sue Schnell

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**Sue Schnell** - July 20, 2011 at 08:11 AM

WM

“ Deepest sympathy on your loss. Our prayers are with you.  
  
Wayne and Pat McCarty and family

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**Wayne and Pat McCarty** - July 12, 2011 at 01:24 PM

SD

“ I really wanted to make it to the wake but unfortunately I couldn't. It's been so many years since I saw you, Lana. The Emlings send our sympathies to Dennis, Gary, Mark, Lana, Fostine and families. When I think of Wilbur, I think of how he always kept his yard immaculate, the old basketball court, Pete the dog and riding to band practice in Herscher with Lana.

Sincerely,  
Sandy (Emling) Dion

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**Sandy (Emling) Dion** - July 08, 2011 at 10:15 PM

JP

“ On behalf of the County of Kankakee, Department of Highways, please accept my sincere JaJames W. Piekarczykmes W. Piekarczyksympathy reJames garding the death of Mr. Wilbur Schwark, a friend to this department and brother of our former superintendent, Howard.

Warmest regards,

James W. Piekarczyk, P.E., County Engineer

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James W. Piekarczyk - July 08, 2011 at 02:03 PM

JW

“ I will always remember Wilbur starting with my youngest daughter Linda who would go visit with he and his wife and the little dog after she got out of school. And then when I joined 1st church and got to know him more. He was a patriot and died on the most glorious day he could find. He was a hero of the classy kind. He loved the Cubs and I remember a few years ago he got to tour Wrigley Field and told us all about it. Fostine you brought your joyful personality into his life. Bless you and all your family as you mourn.

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jackie wagner - July 08, 2011 at 10:57 AM

JP

“ "My deepest sympathy to Wilbur's family. Wilbur was a good man who lived most of his life in extreme pain. I considered him a friend and I, and most others, should always remember his service. With all respect.

Jim Puswaskis

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James Puswaskis - July 06, 2011 at 02:50 PM

DW

“ Whenever you asked Wilbur about a project he would always respond with *I Don't see why we can't*. And the project was underway even though you knew he did not always feel good. I am going to miss his help, his encouragement, and his wisdom. Dianne Wells

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**Dianne Wells** - July 06, 2011 at 07:31 AM