



## William J. Kendziorek

July 5, 1943 - June 6, 2019

William J. Kendziorek, 75, of Bradley, passed away Thursday, June 6, 2019 at Loyola University Medical Center, with his wife by his side.

Bill was born July 5, 1943 in Momence, the son of Matt & Catherine Tisbury Kendziorek. He was of the Catholic faith.

Surviving are his wife of 27 years, the former Connie Marvel whom he married August 17, 1991 in Grant Park, Illinois. He is also survived by his son, Brent (Jessica) Kendziorek of Gulf Port, MS; 3 grandchildren, Ashley Kendziorek-Shippy, Brittany Kendziorek, and Alex Carson; and 2 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; one son, William, Jr.; one sister, Linda; and his first wife, Linda.

After graduating from Eastern Illinois University, Bill devoted his time and energy to mentoring Jr. high teens as he taught industrial arts for many years. Retiring from the teaching profession, Bill was hired as the Executive Vice President of the Kankakee Area Chamber of Commerce and spent his time promoting the greater Kankakee area. He enjoyed lobbying in Springfield for the betterment of the Kankakee area. After a brief stint as a co-owner of a retail sporting goods store, Bill was very successful in the development and maintaining "Goldenwest Enterprises", a real estate and property management company while owning "City Tavern" with his wife. A stroke in 2006 changed Bill's life forever and instantly retired him from all the things he loved to do.

In his early years, Bill was an avid participant in stock car racing at the

Kankakee County Fairgrounds. An active member of the Kankakee Area Jaycees, Bill served as President for several years. Bill was a member of the Kankakee Valley Boat Club and the Kankakee Country Club and was an avid golfer. Bill and his wife enjoyed working together in rehabbing many properties in the area as he was a remarkable craftsman. He was a huge Chicago Cubs fan.

He enjoyed his life, family members and his many, many friends. His love, wisdom, strength, generosity and guidance will be greatly missed.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial visitation will be held 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12th at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A memorial visitation will also be held from 10:00 a.m. until the memorial service at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 13th, 2019, also at the funeral home. Deacon Patrick Skelly will officiate the ceremony. Inurnment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the University of Michigan Aphasia Program in Bill's memory. This is a therapy and treatment facility Bill attended shortly after the stroke.

“Bill was never one for sentiment or someone buying him a drink, but he would want you to know when you find him in heaven, he will gladly accept.”

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-2342

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUN 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
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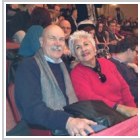
# Tribute Wall

RC

“ *My sympathy to Connie. Bill was one of the best and most loyal friends I ever had*  
*Robert W Callis*  
*Boulder, Colorado*

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**Robert Callis** - June 13, 2019 at 10:10 PM



“ *Hugs and prayers are with you at this sad time.*

*Mary and John Thomson*



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**Mary Quiroz Thomson** - June 13, 2019 at 10:45 AM

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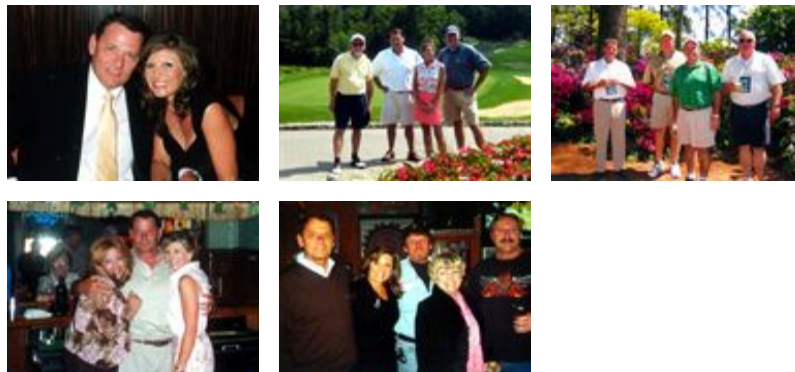
“ *Connie- we are so sorry about your loss and we are so happy that we were able to meet Bill up at your club house where he loved to go! We love you and are both here for you always!! Cindy and Jeff*  
*xoxoxo*

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**Cindy Hom** - June 13, 2019 at 09:09 AM



“ 102 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - June 11, 2019 at 02:19 PM

BB

“ *My condolences to his family. Thank You for your friendship Bill. Your memories will always be with me. Hope to see you in Heaven!*  
*Barry Bales*

**Barry Bales** - June 11, 2019 at 01:45 PM

MR

“ *Our sympathy and prayers are with the family for the loss of this dynamic individual. He was a Bradley street kid who became so much more in life. But in his heart, he always a Bradley boy. Miss him so much.*

**Mary and Ron** - June 11, 2019 at 12:04 PM

SU

“ *Scott Usher lit a candle in memory of William J. Kendziorek*



**Scott Usher** - June 11, 2019 at 11:13 AM

JG

“ *Fond memories of working with Bill at the Kankakee Chamber of Commerce and also working with him and the rest of the Kankakee Jaycees. Sincere sympathy to his family.*

*JoAn Giroux*

Joan Giroux - June 11, 2019 at 10:44 AM

NC

“ *Nance Tedford Curwick lit a candle in memory of William J. Kendziorek*



Nance Tedford Curwick - June 11, 2019 at 03:47 AM

NC

*Stroke Awareness for all stroke victims and their caregivers and families.*

Nance Tedford Curwick - June 11, 2019 at 03:48 AM

CZ

“ *Connie, I am so sorry! Bill was one of a kind and very loved by many. So many great memories with you and Bill. Love and prayers to you and Brent. Chris Zerites*

Chris zerites - June 11, 2019 at 12:21 AM

LM

“ *I have fond memories of being "Best Buds" with "Billy" in our grade school years. Sending my sympathy to the family.*

Lee Metz - June 10, 2019 at 06:34 PM

JS

“ *Bill was our Best Man at our wedding in 1967. Great guy! Have a lot of memories of him throughout the years. RIP Bill! Condolences to you Connie and to Brent.*

Janice Shenk - June 10, 2019 at 04:22 PM

PB

“ *Connie sorry about Bill passing we loved you both ! i rent from you and Bill in back of city tavern in 1997 GOD speed love Phil & Cathy Boehm*

Phil & Cathy Boehm - June 10, 2019 at 11:53 AM

TM

“ *Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of William J. Kendziorek*



Tom Mallaney - June 10, 2019 at 10:35 AM

JL

“ *We didn't get to know Bill until they moved to Naples, but we have good memories of him with the time we had. Our hearts go out to Connie & Family.*

*Janet & Tom Lallathin*

Janet Lallathin - June 09, 2019 at 07:19 PM

LE

“ *I am incredibly sad to learn of Bill's passing. He was a wonderful person. My condolences to his wife and family.*

linda entwistle - June 09, 2019 at 06:19 PM

AF

“ Connie, We all shared lots of fun times down at the Quik Shop with Joanie and Don. I extend my prayers for you and your family during this time.

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**Angela Nicodemus Fry** - June 08, 2019 at 11:11 PM

JS

“ I've known Bill since the early 70's when I worked at a popular clothing store in downtown Kankakee. He was a very nice gentleman. I am so sorry to hear he passed. May his memories live on forever. RIP

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**John Schultz** - June 08, 2019 at 01:39 PM

KR

“ I grew up with "Billy" and went to grade school and high school with him. Bill was a very sweet kid with a good sense of humor. I remember back in high school he and two of my girlfriends played a "prank" on another friend who lived on South Street. I pray that he will rest in peace.

*Karen Stevens Robertson*

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**Karen Stevens Robertson** - June 08, 2019 at 01:29 PM

SS

Connie I am so sorry to hear Bill has passed. I always liked him he was a very nice guy.

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**Sandy Schweigert** - June 08, 2019 at 03:47 PM

HA

I worked for Bill for a few years, always straight up no nonsense kind of Man.

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**horacio acevedo** - June 08, 2019 at 04:48 PM



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**Chick** - June 08, 2019 at 05:01 PM