

William VadeBonCoeur

November 1, 1933 - October 27, 2013

William C. VadeBonCoeur, 79, of Kankakee, passed away Sunday (Oct 27, 2013), after an extended illness. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, where funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday. The Rev. Scott Henley will officiate. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or to the Naperville Humane Society.

William was born Nov. 1, 1933, in Kankakee, the son of Glenwood and Elva (Conner) VadeBonCoeur. After high school, he enlisted and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He married the former Eileen Hebert of Joliet in 1958. William worked in construction and later served as president of Laborer's Local 751 of Kankakee. He completed his career as the business manager of Laborer's Local 751 of Kankakee. William was a proud member of Kankakee American Legion Post 85, and an avid hunter and outdoorsman.

He is survived by one son, Glenn (Donna) VadeBonCoeur, of Winfield.

William was preceded in death by his youngest son, Curt; and his wife, Eileen.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley - www.hkvcares.org or Naperville Humane Society - www.napervillehumanesociety.org/

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 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

OCT **31**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AH

“ I met Bill as a result of being on the honor guard at American Legion Post 85. He always kept us smiling. We will miss all of those good times. *Alvus Hartley*

Alvus Hartley - October 30, 2013 at 06:23 PM

DS

“ Bill was definitely "one of a kind." He was also a loyal friend who told you the truth no matter how you received it. I will truly miss our lunches and visits.
Darrel Smith

Darrel Smith - October 30, 2013 at 03:41 PM

MC

“ "We shall not see the likes of him again." Bill was original, and memorable, and he always said just what he was thinking. I always admired his "frankness" and I also admired the fact that he always seemed to be exactly the person he wanted to be. That's not such an easy thing to achieve.

My childhood memories of Bill always include him running around in an old army jeep like some kind of field marshall. He was larger than life, always with a smile and always with something funny to say -and you could tell it was funny because he was laughing, but still managing to keep that little cigar clamped in his teeth.

I read somewhere that the name "VadeBonCoeur" has a meaning associated with soldiers who "go with good heart." I can't think of anybody living up to his name as well as he did. Bill VadeBonCoeur, the Happy Soldier.

Michael Cleary - October 30, 2013 at 01:23 PM

HS

“ So long, old buddy. We've been pals a long time - especially since the roommate days at U of I. I shouldn't be too long.
Herald Stockton

Herald Stockton - October 29, 2013 at 09:20 PM

AH

“ Bill, You were a GREAT Man and will forever be missed. Rest in Peace

ARLAND HUBLER - October 29, 2013 at 03:55 PM

AH

“ ARLAND HUBLER lit a candle in memory of
William VadeBonCoeur



ARLAND HUBLER - October 29, 2013 at 03:54 PM

RF

“ Glenn - so sorry for your loss. Sorry we are unable to express our sympathy in person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless, Ralph and Nat Ferrari


Ralph Ferrari - October 29, 2013 at 12:50 PM

BO

“ Bill, I got to know you at the nursing home, and we shared many conversations. What a small world when we determined you went to school with my sister. So many times you would come up to my desk and give me a banana. I learned quickly not to refuse it as it made you angry! It was my pleasure to know you and your wife. Rest in peace.

Bonnie, receptionist at POLOV.

Bonnie - October 29, 2013 at 11:29 AM


Theresa
Woodle-
Sherrod

“ OLD FRIEND WE WILL MISS YOU! YOU WERE A STUBBORN OLD MAN STUCK IN YOUR OWN WAYS. THOSE TRAITS ARE THE VERY TRAITS THAT MADE US LOVE YOU MORE. TOOK US A WHILE TO BE OK, BUT WHEN WE PUT OUR FEELINGS ASIDE AND THOUGHT ABOUT THE CONDITION YOU WERE IN...WE SOON CHANGED OUR MINDS. YOU ARE PAIN FREE, REUNITED WITH THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE, AND YOUR SON. WE LOVE YOU AND WILL NEVER FORGET YOU! WHO KNEW THAT 5 YEARS AGO DELIVERING THE PAPER WOULD BRING US SO CLOSE. I SPENT A LOT OF TIME WITH YOU, JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND YOU. I FELT THAT MAYBE IF I SHOULD YOU ENOUGH COMPASSION YOU'D SOFTEN YOUR HEART...AND YOU DID JUST THAT. I ENJOYED OUR CONVERSATIONS, AND THE LAUGHS WE SHARED. YOU ARE TRULY ONE OF A KIND:) WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE GOTTEN TO KNOW YOU! LOVE YOU BILL MAY YOU ENJOY YOUR YOUTHFULNESS IN HEAVEN:)



Theresa Woodle-Sherrod - October 29, 2013 at 10:51 AM

TM

“ *Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of
William VadeBonCoeur*



Tom Mallaney - October 29, 2013 at 04:45 AM