



William A. O'Connor

May 1, 1920 - March 24, 2007

William O'Connor Jr. -- Kankakee William Alex "Bill" O'Connor Jr., 86, of Kankakee, died Saturday (March 24, 2007) at Riverside Medical Center. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Today at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Teresa Catholic Church, where he was a member for 57 years. Rev. Thomas Cargo will officiate. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Provena St. Mary's Hospital Cardiac Rehabilitation Center, 500 W. Court St., Kankakee, IL 60901. Mr. O'Connor retired from Roper Corporation, Kankakee Division, after 42 years of service. He was also a part-time carpenter. He was born May 1, 1920, in Irwin, the son of William Alex Sr. and Mary Devine O'Connor. He attended St. Patrick's High School and Kankakee High School. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of Bradley American Legion Post 0766 and a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and a former usher and member of the Holy Name Society at his church. He was a Chicago Cubs, Notre Dame and Chicago Bears fan. He enjoyed carpentry work, jigsaw puzzles, the outdoors, gardening, his grandchildren and especially his great-grandchildren. Surviving are his wife, the former Berdell Marjorie Crawley, whom he married Aug. 3, 1946, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Kankakee; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Michael and Linda O'Connor of Montgomery, Ala., James O'Connor of Kankakee; three daughters and one son-in-law, Mary and Pete Gooding of

Bradley, Patricia O'Connor of Louisville, Ky., Nora Zinnel of Manteno; seven grandchildren, Tim, Erin and Christopher (Samantha Fitzgerald) O'Connor, Brian (Trina Serafin) Gooding, Melissa (Reggie) Gilbert, Elizabeth (Andrew Saffer) Gooding and Brandi Zinnel; five great-grandchildren, Sam Caudill, Aidan, Taylor and Ethan Gilbert, and Alexis Saffer; several nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. Deceased are one granddaughter, Susan Gooding; and four sisters, Nora Regnier, Mary Ellen Beck, Lenore Duffy and Bernice Mulholland.

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Nikki Willis##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy on the passing of Bill. I only knew Bill from being a fellow pallbearer at a handful of funerals but I do know that my aunt Nora Keliher and my mother thought highly of Bill.##imported-begin##Mae K Graveline and Richard Graveline##imported-end##

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“ Pat, so sorry for the loss of your father. Please accept our deepest sympathy. We understand what you are going through at this time.

Linda and Stan##imported-begin##Linda and Stan Neu##imported-end##

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“ I am sorry for your loss. ĩ½You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Samantha Fitzgerald##imported-end##

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“ Mary, Mike and Mrs. O'Connor...Very sorry to hear of your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Kathy Holz##imported-end##

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“ We express our condolences for the loss of your loved one. ĩ½We are members of Pat O'Connor's walking club "Derby City Walkers". ĩ½You are all in our prayers along with Pat's father.

No card.##imported-begin##Bob & Carol Miller##imported-end##

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“ Although we never met Mr. O'Connor, we have met Mrs. O'Connor and we are friends of Mike's. ĩ½Please know that we are thinking of you all in this time of sadness.##imported-begin##Frank and Susie Self##imported-end##

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“ Your Dad was a joy to take care of at the nursing home. i½He was very determined about going home. i½No matter what you said to him he always had something smart to say back. i½He is with the Lord.

God Bless##imported-begin##Ron and Debbie Sisk##imported-end##

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“ Pat, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Bob & Bonny Zilke##imported-end##

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“ My sympathies to the family. Sorry to hear about Uncle Bill. i½I know he will be sadly missed by you all. i½Will get together with you in the Kankakee area when we return. i½Love you all!##imported-begin##Linda Schneider##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest symphathy to you Aunt Berdell and your family. We were very sorry to hear about Uncle Bill's passing. Our prayers are with all of you.

We will keep in touch.

All of our Love,

##imported-begin##Sue Lawrence##imported-end##

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“ Bill was a great guy to walk the treadmill with and ride the bike. He surely will be missed by all. I believe he had to be one of the best gardeners in Kankakee. I'm sure he already has one going in heaven maybe even on a new tractor. May God bless you and be with you always.##imported-begin##Alan Ward##imported-end##

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“ To William,

Thanks for being the best father in law i've ever had. You made a lasting impression on my life,for which i will always remember and never forget.##imported-begin##DAVID ZINNEL##imported-end##

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