



## Anthony Edward Blanchette

March 5, 1947 - December 22, 2018

Anthony Edward Blanchette (Tony), 71, of Kankakee passed away on Saturday, December 22, 2018 at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn. He was born on a March 5, 1947 in Kankakee, the son of Achille and Carmela Marnell Blanchette. Anthony married Jean Bouchard on October 24, 1970.

Tony was a dedicated employee of Bunge Oil for 40 years. His pride and joy were his daughter and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Jean Blanchette of Kankakee, one daughter Carla Lavery of Kansas City; two sisters and brother-in-law Marie (Joe) Longtin of Bourbonnais and Nancy (Paul) Bailey of Bourbonnais; two brothers and sister-in-law Nick (Marie) of Kankakee and James (Peggy) Blanchette of Kankakee; and three grandchildren Aidan, Colin and Madison. He is also survived by sisters-in-law Bonnie Gilbertson and Nanette (Gary) Wood.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Virginia Hartman, his son David Edward Blanchette, mother-in-law and father-in-law Burnell and Burnett Bouchard, brother-in-law Kim Bouchard, brother-in-law Gordy Gilbertson, nephew Jason Wood and great nephew Zachary Wood.

Visitation will be held on Friday, December 28, 2018 from 4-8 at Schreffler funeral home in Kankakee. Funeral service will be held on Saturday,

December 29, 2018 at 10am at St. James Church in Irwin. Burial will follow at St. James Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Bishop Blanchette Scholarship Fund which provides Catholic high school scholarships.

# Cemetery Details

## St. James Cemetery

Irwin, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel

1900 W. Court St.

Kankakee, IL 60901

(815) 932-2421

<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Mass

DEC 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. James the Apostle

4372 Main Street

Irwin, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall



“ Anthony Edward Blanchette

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ I worked at Bunge Oils for almost 13 years, and I got to know Tony pretty well. We often talked about Dales Pizza and things happening at work. Just the other day I wondered what he was doing, now I know his work is done, I won't forget him. Rest in pease Tony.  
Sincerely, Gary Metschuleit

Gary Metschuleit - December 29, 2018 at 02:07 PM



“ I met Tony just over a year ago when he took a position at Amazon. He was a wonderful man who loved his family dearly and worked hard to care for them. He always had a smile to share with us. He will be greatly missed by myself and the rest of his Amazon family.

Sarah Jackson - December 29, 2018 at 06:17 AM



“ I worked with Tony at Bunge for 8 Years and what a Awesome Person to work with he put a Smile on people's face every day. I'll always remember him from his saying of "I'll Get Mine" Godspeed Tony



Louis Tufano - December 28, 2018 at 07:16 AM

CL

“ Tony was an amazing man. I will always remember his love of meat off the grill. I will never forget when he ate half cooked sausage off the grill in Chicago because he just couldn't wait for it to be done. That memory brings a smile to my face. A wonderful human who loved all those around him and a man who always had a smile on his face. He will be missed.

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**Courtney and Matt Lavery** - December 27, 2018 at 07:59 PM

LB

“ I am so sorry to hear about Tony. I worked at Bunge for seventeen years and got to know him. He will be missed by all who knew him. Thoughts and prayers to his family and friends. Lin Bull

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**Lin Bull** - December 27, 2018 at 06:15 PM

MD

“ Jean, Carla, Aidan, Colin & Madison -

We were saddened to hear of Tony's passing. He was a wonderful man and he always greeted us with a hug and a smile. We will carry with us fond memories we share of many family holidays, birthdays and other celebrations. Please know you are in our prayers. Love, Shelli & Ron

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**Michelle "Shelli" Derusseau** - December 27, 2018 at 02:03 PM

SB

“ So sorry to hear about Tony's passing. Thoughts and prayers for the family. I worked at Bunge for almost 37 years and met him there. May the love of God give you peace. May the love of friends give you comfort during this difficult time. May the love of your dear one remain in your heart, and give you strength in the days ahead.



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**Sheryl Barbosa** - December 27, 2018 at 06:30 AM

ES

“ I met Tony in 1973 right after I started at Swift. Tony and I had both bought new Ford pickups. Just slightly different shades of green. Tony would work any amount of hours and when my son was working as a college student, Tony would sign him up for overtime to work with him. Every one teased my son that He was Uncle Tony to him

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**Edwin Smith** - December 26, 2018 at 08:49 PM

SL

Jean,Carla,,Aidan, Colin, & Maddy, I was deeply hearing of Tony's passing. He was such a genuinely kind man. He always added so much to all the many visits here. He always had a kind word and a big smile especially watching all the kids and their antics. I am so grateful to have him as part of my life. He will leave a big void in many lives . May God grant him peace and give all of you comfort during this time.

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**Sue Lavery** - December 27, 2018 at 03:03 PM