



Benton E. Hunter

January 20, 1928 - November 13, 2016

Benton E. Hunter, "Ben", 88, of Kankakee, passed away on November 13, 2016 in the Chicagoland area. He was formerly from the Bettendorf, IA area. He was born on January 20, 1928 in Danville, IL to Leslie and Myrtle (Hayhurst) Hunter. He married Maxine Naas on September 2, 1950 in Cabery, IL.

Benton served in the Navy from 1945 until 1947 as a Seaman 1st Class. He worked at the David Bradley factory from 1947 until 1955 and then was a supervisor for 30 years at Deere and Company, Planter Works Division in Moline, IL. He was a former member of the Bradley American Legion and member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife; Maxine of Manteno, three sons and two daughters in law; David Hunter of Hanover Park, Joseph (Ana) Hunter of Muncie, IN and Dr. Stephen (Becky) Hunter of Vandalia, MO, one daughter and son in law; Mary (Phil) Hunter-Gratteau of Chicago, six grandchildren; Craig, Brian, Dylan, Maggie and Katie Hunter and Evan Gratteau. He is also survived by his sister and brother in law; Rita (Jerry) Williams of Manteno and brother and sister in law; James (Patricia) Hunter of Kankakee. He was preceded in death by his parents

There will be a memorial visitation on Saturday, November 26, 2016 from

11:00 a.m. until the 12:00 noon funeral mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Father John Peeters will be officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL.

Memorials may be made to St. Patrick's Catholic Church or the donors choice.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421
(815) 423-9958
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/abrahamlincoln.asp>

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
428 S. Indiana Ave.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Funeral Mass

NOV **26**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Benton E. Hunter*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Our condolences to the families of Benny. I had great fun playing with Benny whenever we had family reunions at grandma Nolin's houses in Danville, IL and Tilton, IL. At the Tilton house, Benny got bucked off a pony and broke his arm in two different places. One 4th of July, we took carbide used in miner lanterns and put it in a metal syrup can of which we had made a hole in bottom the can. Thus we would spit on the carbide and close the lid of the can and then sit the can on the ground with the lid facing upward. We would lite a match and it hold near the hole at the bottom of the syrup can. It would blow the lid of the can way up in the air. Once at the Maple St home in Danville, us boys walked up north of the house to the river by the railroad tracks and then we all went swimming in the nude. The last time I saw Benny was when my wife and I met Benny and his wife Maxine along with his sister Rita and her husband Jerry in Orlando, FL on a Mother's Day a few years ago.
Cousin Earl and wife Tina Thompson*

Earl Thompson - December 01, 2016 at 05:49 AM



“ *Ben was truly a treasured friend. We missed him and Maxine when they left the area (QC). The family has our condolences and he will be in our prayers*

Lee DeBrabander - November 26, 2016 at 02:33 PM