



Byron L. Clemans Jr.

December 7, 1928 - May 29, 2026

Byron L. Clemans Jr., age 97, of Manteno, passed away Friday, May 29, 2026 at the Arc of Bradley.

He was born December 7, 1928 in Kankakee, the son of Bryon Sr. & Faye Thompson Clemans.

Byron married Phyllis Whitmore on May 5, 1951 in Kankakee. She preceded him in death on December 21, 1993.

He was a truck mechanic for IBC Butternut Bread Company.

Byron was the Superintendent of the Kankakee County Fair for 34 years. He enjoyed showing goats and helping 4-H'ers show goats. He loved horses and had been a farrier.

Byron enjoyed traveling to fairs and visiting garage sales. Most of all, he loved being around people.

He was a former member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Kankakee.

Surviving are two daughters, Vickie (William) Reckel of Manteno and Debbie (Ted) Heinrich of Ludington, MI; one daughter-in-law, Cindy Clemans of

Bourbonnais; one sister-in-law, Patricia Clemans of Kankakee; seven grandchildren, Brian (Ashley) Clemans, Jayson (Heather) Reckel, Reinhold Heinrich (Pam Denton), Kathleen (Jason) Heinrich-Bruns, Mark (Jenny) Heinrich, Kayla (Tim) Lloyd, and Lyle Harvill; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Byron is preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Leroy Clemans and Randy Clemans; one brother, Russell Clemans; two sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Lavon & Henry Slowick and Neva & Raymond Tresner.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Interment will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township.

Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

JUN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“*My uncle Byron was the most kindest person. I loved spending time during the summer with them and going to Kankakee fair with them. I enjoyed going to Disney world with him. We all had a great time. Uncle Byron will always be in my heart. I will miss you! I remembered when he was shoeing a horse and watching him. He said you have to watch out for the frog on the hoof. I said I don't see a frog. He just laughed. Thank you Uncle Byron for all the memories.*

Elizabeth Markel - 1 hour ago