



Clarence Kenneth Ouwenga

October 10, 1918 - January 31, 2019

Clarence Kenneth Ouwenga, age 100, of Manteno, died on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at Riverside Senior Living in Bourbonnais, IL. Clarence was born on October 10, 1918 to Nicholas and Hilda (Piersma)

Ouwenga in Worth, IL. He married Emily Oosterhoff on October 9, 1943 in Momence, IL. Emily died in 2012.

Agriculture was Clarence's life. He took on the responsibility of his dad's vegetable farm at the age of

18. He took much pride in raising vegetables before retiring from farming in 1996. He and his wife Emily

were charter members of Faith Reformed Church in Kankakee where he served on the church board and

was a past elder and deacon. He was also a member and past director of the Kankakee Farm Bureau, and a past director of Farmers Elevator Co. of Manteno. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, traveling and playing pinochle. Much of their time was also spent enjoying their children, grandchildren and their families.

Clarence is survived by his three sons, Lawrence (Velma) Ouwenga of DeMotte, IN, Warren (Sharon)

Ouwenga of Bourbonnais, IL and Richard (Katherine) Ouwenga of Manteno, IL; three daughters, Joan Lamie of Manteno, IL, Judith (Louis) Bury of Downers Grove, IL and Janet Sorensen of Manteno, IL; 15 grandchildren, Rachel (Scott) Oudbier, Laura (Joe) VanderMeer, Ronald (Julie) Ouwenga, Michelle (Ryan) Sparrow, Kimberly (Michael) Vilendrer, Dr. April Ouwenga, Andrea (Troy) Vanderhule, Mark (Lindsey) Lamie, Carrie (Nathan) LeRoy, Matt Bury and Jillian Bury, Erin (Dr. Nicholas) Rogers, Nikki (Dr. Benjamin) Parsons, Kurt Sorensen, Jeremy Sorensen and Corina Sorensen; 42 great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren with a sixth due in March, one brother-in-law, Richard (Judy) Oosterhoff of Bourbonnais, IL and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Emily; one sister, Mildred Ouwenga; two brothers, Donald and James Ouwenga; son-in-law, Loran Lamie (April 30, 2018) and one grandson, Dr. Michael Kenneth Ouwenga (January 19, 2019).

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 8, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at

Schreffler Funeral Homes, Bourbonnais Chapel. Another visitation will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until the time of Clarence's funeral service at 10:00 a.m. at Faith Reformed Church at 2400 Waldron Road in Kankakee, IL. Burial will be at Chapel Hills Garden South in Oak Lawn, IL. Memorials may be made to Faith Reformed Church or to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery

11333 Central Ave
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Bourbonnais Chapel
1100 N. Convent St.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-2421

Visitation

FEB 9. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Faith Church
2400 Waldron Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Funeral Service

FEB 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Faith Church
2400 Waldron Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall



“ Clarence Kenneth Ouwenga

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM

BP

“ Billy D. Patton lit a candle in memory of Clarence Kenneth Ouwenga



Billy D. Patton - February 11, 2019 at 07:23 PM

MB

“ Sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed visiting with him on the Farm Bureau Board, and when we were hauling grain. Mark Benoit

MARK V BENOIT - February 10, 2019 at 11:07 AM



“ With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Clarence Kenneth Ouwenga.



February 08, 2019 at 10:15 PM

CC

“ Chester Cleveland lit a candle in memory of Clarence Kenneth Ouwenga



chester cleveland - February 08, 2019 at 04:52 PM

RT

So sorry for your loss!!! Such a legacy he left for his family. He was indeed a man of integrity ..Keeping you all in our prayers!

Richard & Barb Toepper - February 08, 2019 at 08:15 PM



“ Dear Ouwenga family... I have hundreds of memories of this wonderful family. Space does not warrent time... I have been Blessed by knowing many of you, oh so many memories Thank You Jesus 🙏🙏🙏🙏. The George Bingley Family

George Bingley - February 06, 2019 at 07:08 PM



“ Joan, so very sorry for your loss. Barb (Jensen) and Jerry Jackson



Barb Jackson - February 04, 2019 at 11:41 PM



“ I will forever remember Clarence!! He was so proud of his family! Our nightly ritual after he took his meds was to tell me not to take any wooden nickels, then we would tell each other to " don't let the bed bugs bite". He will forever hold a special place in my heart!!!!

Deena Kissee - February 04, 2019 at 10:45 PM



“ My Deepest Sympathy and my thoughts and prayers go out to the family.. 😞



Denise Delaney - February 04, 2019 at 07:35 PM



“ Hugs and prayers are with all the Ouwengas! May God's peace and comfort fill you.



Mary Quiroz Thomson - February 04, 2019 at 02:33 PM

BD

“ Please accept our sincere sympathies on Clarence's passing. I was able to have a brief visit with him last fall at the retirement center. Brenda and I appreciated the times we spent with Clarence and Emily. I was privileged to have him on my board of directors at the Kankakee County Farm Bureau.
Bob & Brenda Dyer

Bob Dyer - February 04, 2019 at 01:54 PM

TE

“ *Tim And Connie Eaker lit a candle in memory of Clarence Kenneth Ouwenga*



Tim and Connie Eaker - February 04, 2019 at 12:54 PM

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Peace be with family

Tim and Connie Eaker - February 04, 2019 at 01:17 PM

DR

We send our sympathy to the Ouwenga family. We remember good times with Clarence and Emily. Reuben & Dorothy Riegel

Dorothy Riegel - February 04, 2019 at 08:49 PM

TP

To the Oudbiers & entire Ouwenga family, Our prayers and sympathies are extended to all of you. May the Lord hold you close and give you peace during this difficult time.

*In Christ,
Tim Paauw (principal) & the Jenison Christian School Staff*

Tim Paauw - February 05, 2019 at 11:35 AM