



Ernest "Ernie" Flowers

December 6, 1934 - May 13, 2024

A Life Well Lived. A Life Well Traveled. A Life Well Worked.

These statements aptly encapsulate the ethos of Ernest "Ernie" W. Flowers. To know Ernie was to understand his approach to life—a blend of stubbornness and perseverance that guided him through every stage of his journey. Born as the eldest of four children to the late William and Nellie Flowers (née Neuman) on December 6, 1934, in Kankakee, IL, Ernie's early years instilled in him a profound sense of responsibility and a pride in his achievements that he maintained throughout his life.

From a young age, Ernie helped in his father's construction business and later served as a Navy Medic in the US Armed Services, followed by a stint as a Merchant Marine. Eventually, he settled back in Kankakee with his wife Glendal, with whom he raised three children before they parted ways. Ernie then married Patricia 'Pat' Flowers, with whom he had one daughter. For over six decades, Ernie successfully ran the family construction company, Flowers Construction, and later, Patern Sewer Maintenance, in Kankakee, until his retirement in 2018.

Throughout his life, Ernie always embraced technology and adventure. He was passionate about documenting family moments and captured many home movies of the children growing up, dating back to the 1950s. Ernie even

learned to snow ski at age 50, bringing along a VHS camera to the slopes, alongside his trusty cellphone. To know Ernie was to know that he was never far from a phone!

Ernie's passions included politics, gambling, travel, and spending quality time with his family. He is survived by his brother, Dennis; daughters, Kathy, Karyn, and Erin; stepson, Mark; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Nellie; sister, Susan; brother Stanley; wife, Pat; son, Glen; stepson, Brian; and grandchildren Ashley and Trevor.

A memorial service for family and friends will be held at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee from 3pm to 7pm on Thursday May 16th, 2024. A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 17, 2024 at Aroma Park Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Aroma Park Cemetery

Sandbar Road
Aroma Park, IL 60910

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Graveside Service

MAY 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My family knew Glen, Kathy, and Karyn thru Eastridge H.S.. We also were involved with Glendal, Roger and her family actively at Asbury UMC.
Ernie and Pat lived on Lowe Road with our field in between the houses. I called to let my mom know about Ernie passing. We reminisced about when we got to see Ernie. It seemed like Smoky the horse like to come over and visit our dog late at night. The dog would be barking, mom would turn the porch light on, and seen his head over the fence. He liked the apples and pears on the ground for snacks. Ernie would get a call and would reply, "I'll be right over, or tie him to a tree." Then you would see Ernie walking thru the field to come over.
Prayers for the entire families.

Kim Yohnka and Ann Yohnka

Kim Yohnka - May 16, 2024 at 03:17 PM

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Thank you Kim and Ann 🙏🙏

Kathy Seiber - November 02, 2024 at 08:32 AM

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“ Karyn, So sorry to hear about your father. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Stacey Nichols St.Louis - May 14, 2024 at 02:33 PM

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“ *Teresa lit a candle in memory of Ernest
"Ernie" Flowers*



Teresa - May 13, 2024 at 05:02 PM