



Kenneth L Payne

January 15, 1936 - July 21, 2015

Kenneth “Kenny” Leon Payne, 79 of Bourbonnais, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at Presence St. Mary’s Hospital, Kankakee, IL. Ken was born January 15, 1936 in Crab Orchard, IL to Alvin and Ethel (Swan) Payne. He married Dixie Lee Peterson on October 19, 1958 in Kankakee, IL. Kenny worked at AO Smith for 31 years while moonlighting a second job at L & G Radiators. He also worked 7 years for Underground Technologies and 5 years at the Sears Warehouse as a forklift operator. Kenny was a member of the AFSCME retirees union. He will be most remembered as a loving father and grandfather who enjoyed spending time with his family camping and travelling on long road trips. He also enjoyed family picnics, eating delicious foods and bowling.

He is survived by his wife Dixie, 2 sons and a Daughter-in-law; Terry Payne of Murphysboro, IL, John (Sharon) Payne of Goreville, IL, 4 Daughters and 2 Sons-in-law; Beverly Griffin and Mary Palinski both of Bourbonnais, Frances (Jack) Robbins of St. Anne, Connie (Lonnie) Cox of Onarga, 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers; Joe Henry and Clarence Payne, one sister Ruth Ann Edwards and a daughter-in-law Joyce Payne.

The visitation will be from 4-8 PM Friday July 24th at the Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel. Rev Paul Caldwell will officiate the 10 AM Sat July 25th funeral at the Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel with burial to

follow at Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Aroma Township. Memorial may be made to the family.

Please sign his guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 24. 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 Service

JUL 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth L Payne*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Laurie Barnhart Cook lit a candle in memory of Kenneth L Payne*



Laurie Barnhart Cook - July 27, 2015 at 05:55 PM



“ *So sorry for the passing of Ken .He's a great guy. While friends with Bev & working with him at sears. Prayers & Hugs*

Laurie Barnhart Cook - July 27, 2015 at 05:54 PM



“ *Dixie and family so sorry to hear of Kenny's passing. I remember as kids how he would tease us that he had not decides on a name for himself and after many months he finally tod us he chose Kenny. He had a smile when ever he came outside and seen us kids playing I know he will be missed . My prayers are with you and your family*

Francis and Angela Buckley family

angela buckley - July 24, 2015 at 08:20 AM

EM

“ Dixie, I am so sorry to hear about your husband. We're praying for you and your family.

Emilie - July 23, 2015 at 09:42 PM



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schreffler Funeral Home - July 23, 2015 at 03:15 PM

EL

“ Dixie and family, sorry to hear that Kenny had passed away. I have so many memories of growing up across the alley in Kankakee. I never knew that Kenny worked a second job at L & G. I once had a retiree from A.O. Smith say that Kenny was the best crane operator in the factory! Praying for strength in the coming days, see you tomorrow.

Ed St. Louis - July 23, 2015 at 01:56 PM

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So many memories. Holidays at our house, James & Ruth's, and Elmer & Verna Lee's. Fish fries & cook-outs. Big family picnics and dinners. More camping trips than I can count. Hiking through Fat Man Squeeze at Ferne Clyffe. I'll always remember how we could tell when he or Dad were up to some of their shenanigans because they would get the same mischievous twinkle in their eyes. True brothers, they were. I'll miss Uncle Kenny's contagious smile and his boisterous laugh. Peace and comfort to Aunt Dixie and all the cousins. God bless you all and I'll see you soon.

Daren Payne - July 24, 2015 at 08:20 AM