



Melvin Howard LaFine

March 1, 1936 - March 11, 2022

Melvin Howard LaFine, 86, of Bradley, passed away at his home on Friday, March 11, with his family at his side. Mel was born on March 1, 1936, in Kankakee; the son of Adrian “Jake” and Lena (Guttendorf) LaFine.

Mel worked for Bradley Roper and then later worked for Shapiro Developmental Center until he retired. He attended Calvary Bible Church and was a member of the Kankakee Valley Boat Club. Mel enjoyed hunting, fishing, and gathering with friends and family to play cards. Mel and his family kept a close relationship over the years gathering together once a week for dinner.

Mel is survived by his children: Debi (J.R) LaFine-Rhoads of Watseka, Danny LaFine of Walker, MN, Dennis LaFine of Vancouver, WA, and Denise LaFine of Laporte, MN, 7 grandchildren: Jennifer (Jer) Franuendorfer, Billy (Jenn) Giroux, Jacob (Kristen) LaFine, Chantay (Ben) Maule, Toni Larson, Tana Larson, and Lillie LaFine, 15 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great-grandchildren, sisters: Arliss Deyoung of New Smyrna Beach, FL, Joan Boudreau of Bourbonnais, Linda (Danny) Grace of Bourbonnais, brother Dee (Marcia) LaFine of Maumee, OH, sisters-in-law Julie LaFine and Mary LaFine both of Kankakee, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Mel was preceded in death by his parents, an infant son Melvin Howard

“Howie” LaFine Jr, and 3 brothers Kenny, Adrian “Swede”, and Marvin LaFine.

The family will receive guests on Wednesday, March 16, at the Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee from 11am until the time of funeral service at 1 pm. Burial will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Those who wish may leave memorials in Mel’s name to Uplifted Care Hospice or the Iroquois County Genealogical Society.

Please sign Mel’s online guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAR 16. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Howard LaFine*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *I am truly sorry for your loss . I love you uncle Melvin I will remember you as you were for always !!*

Rhonda Hanlon - March 16, 2022 at 02:51 PM



“ *119 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Schreffler Funeral Home - March 15, 2022 at 02:20 PM



“ *Melvin, what can I say? You were my bother-in-law for a long time! Rest in peace!*

Susie, (Roberts) Glen - March 15, 2022 at 08:10 AM

BP

“ I send my deepest sympathy to the LaFine family. I am so very sorry I can't be there but my prayers and thoughts are with each of you. Mel was a super cousin and always so thoughtful. I loved him and he will be missed.

Barb Phillips

Barbara Phillips - March 14, 2022 at 11:09 PM

RJ

“ I worked with Melvin when he's first started at Shapiro. Was kind of fun to have a LaFine working with me. Last time I saw Melvin was at my mother's funeral. Prayers to all his family

Renee LaFine Jones - March 14, 2022 at 06:00 PM

RJ

I am a LaFine also!!!

Renee LaFine Jones - March 14, 2022 at 06:01 PM

TM

Mr. LaFine from time to time would come in our Trift Shop to get a few items. I enjoyed him, so kind. Will miss seeing him. Prayers. for your family

Terri Magruder - March 17, 2022 at 12:31 PM

PZ

“ I worked with Mel at Roper. My condolences to Mel's family.

Paul Ziemer - March 14, 2022 at 11:06 AM

TM

“ *Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Melvin Howard LaFine*



Tom Mallaney - March 14, 2022 at 10:15 AM

GG

“ *So sorry for your loss keeping your family in thoughts and prayers.*



Gloria and William Graham - March 14, 2022 at 10:00 AM

RM

“ *Mel LOVED playing cards. I met him over a euchre table and my husband, Gary, played poker at the Boat Club weekly with him. He was always appreciative of shared meals and he never left his laughter out of any talks. He had such a great laugh and outlook on living and he will be missed by many. Rest in peace Mel.*

Rose Mitchell - March 14, 2022 at 09:41 AM

TE

“ *I remember when we all would go out for our birthday's and Uncle Melvin would show up and bring me more than one birthday card. He was so thoughtful. I'm going to miss him. I am proud to have shared a birthday with him.*



Teri - March 13, 2022 at 10:33 PM

SB

“ *I was neighbors with Melvin when he lived in Kankakee and played with his children as I was close to their age. Have many interesting memories and I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences and prayers to all the children.*



Susan Lalumendier Bell - March 13, 2022 at 08:14 PM

GM

“ *A couple Mel'isms that I will never forget is "not to be funny, but" or "like I was saying ". A good friend that I will always remember. RIP Mel.*

Gary Mitchell - March 13, 2022 at 04:24 PM