



## Merrill D. Vornkahl

January 31, 1931 - June 30, 2019

Merrill D. Vornkahl, 88, of Bourbonnais passed away June 30, 2019 at the Bickford House. He was born January 31, 1931 in Clark County, MO to Elmer and Bertie (Clifton) Vornkahl. Merrill married Betty Plankael October 1, 1949 and he later married Rosa Michel.

He was a salesman and food broker. Merrill was a big Cardinal fan and involved with United Commercial Travelers. He enjoyed gardening and was a proud member of Asbury United Methodist Church.

Merrill is survived by a daughter and son-in-law; Vicki (Jim) Thomas of Toluca, 2 sons and a daughter-in-law; Kevin Vornkahl of Bourbonnais, Marty (Debbie) Vornkahl of Peoria and a granddaughter, Tara Vornkahl of Texas. Also surviving are two sisters-in-law; Verna Vornkahl of Montgomery, Texas and Ruth Vornkahl of Burlington, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Betty and second wife, Rosa Michel, two brothers, Melburn and Marvin.

The visitation will be 10am to 12 pm, Friday, July 5, 2019 at Schreffler Funeral Homes, Kankakee Chapel. The funeral service will follow at 12 pm. Rev. Herb Thompson will officiate. Burial will be at Kankakee Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to Asbury United Methodist Church. Please sign his online guestbook at [www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 5. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JUL 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel  
1900 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Merrill D. Vornkahl*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *The world has lost a wonderful man. Heaven has gained another angel. Til we meet again.  
R.I.P. MERRILL  
My Deepest Sympathy*

*Lexie*



**Lëxië Suë** - July 10, 2019 at 12:45 AM



“ *My sympathy is with you. Merrill was a good friend and we were both members of the Christian Maturity Class for many years. Because my broken hip has been bothering me, I won't be able to attend the funeral, but I will be with you in spirit. May God bless and comfort you all.  
In Christ's love,  
Carolyn Neal*

**Carolyn Neal** - July 04, 2019 at 08:40 PM



“ *THE Q sent a virtual gift in memory of Merrill D. Vornkahl*



**THE Q** - July 03, 2019 at 09:29 PM

IH

“ Kevin and Marty, so sorry to read about your dad's passing.  
Sending prayers and hugs.  
Irene Hensley Hernandez

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Irene HERNANDEZ - July 03, 2019 at 01:04 PM

MV

Thank You Irene!

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Marty Vornkahl - July 04, 2019 at 05:13 PM

MM

“ MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of Merrill  
D. Vornkahl



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MR MRS - July 03, 2019 at 10:06 AM

KD

“ Kevin, I'm so sorry to read about the passing of your Father. My  
prayers are with you and your family.

My sympathy,

Karen (Schrader) Dietrich

former classmate.

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Karen Dietrich - July 02, 2019 at 06:01 PM