



## Olen F. "Oat" Burlison

October 5, 1930 - August 24, 2017

Olen F. "Oat" Burlison, 86, of Bourbonnais passed away on Thursday, August 24, 2017 at his home. He was born on October 5, 1930 in Goreville, IL, the son of Clemon and Nila (Walker) Burlison. Oat married Phyllis L. Butler on June 10, 1951 in Kankakee.

Oat was a man of all trades. Retiring at age 80, he worked for Ryder Student Transportation, A&W Trucking Co and Central Illinois Trucks. He enjoyed riding Honda motorcycles, traveling in the RV and doing yardwork. He was a member of Peoples Church in Bourbonnais.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis Burlison of Bourbonnais; one son Mark (Rhonda) Burlison of Bourbonnais; three daughters Vickie (Vincent) Francisco of Bourbonnais, Linda Burlison of Bourbonnais and Brenda Burlison of Bradley; one sister-in-law Marian Burlison of Bradley; eleven grandchildren Micah Francisco of Bourbonnais, Stephanie (Thomas) Goodin of Cypress, TX, David (Beth) Timm of Manteno, Sean Timm of Chicago, Christopher (Valarie) Timm of Phoenix, AZ, Courtney (Mark) Forestier of St. Anne, Jessica (Rick) Ferguson of Atoka, TN, Nathan (Burlison) Utter and fiancée Samantha Wright of Bourbonnais, Victoria Burlison of Bourbonnais, Michael (Randi) Burlison of Cartersville, GA and Nathan (Danielle) Burlison of Cartersville, GA; and seventeen great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son Roger Burlison, two brothers Billy Burlison and Noel Martin and one grandson Matthew Timm.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 from 4-8pm at Schreffler

Funeral Home in Kankakee. Funeral service will be on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 11am at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kankakee.

# Cemetery Details

**Memorial Gardens**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**AUG 29.** 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

**AUG 30.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SH

“ Hello, I am wondering if someone from the family could contact me? I know this is weird. We bought an old home in Grand Marais, MN that was owned by William and Dawn Helke, they had a son Leonard that was about Olen's age. Anyway, we found an item hidden away that says in the back to that it was made by Olen F. Burlison on it . I thought maybe you would like to have it or see photos of it? I just thought it was kind of neat. It may be a complete different person. But I thought it was interesting as the Helke's were originally from Illinois as well, and thought perhaps Olen may have known them and made this item for them. I don't know if you can post back on here, I am a little nervous to give out my personal email on a public forum, but it is hawketydoc@gmail.com if you wish to connect. Thank you!! 😊

Sara Hadley - February 08, 2025 at 10:39 AM



“ Olen F. "Oat" Burlison

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ My name is Rick Brown. I used to live next door to the Burlisons on Tanner Street in Kankakee back in the late '60s. I used to hang out with Mark and Roger, but I remember Mr. Burlison was always very nice to me. I'm sorry to hear of his passing.

Rick Brown - August 28, 2017 at 03:23 PM

MB

Appreciate your kind words Rick.

Mark Burlison - August 20, 2019 at 01:54 PM

BG

“ I remember as a little boy going to the Peoples Church and he was ALWAYS someone i looked up to and loved very much...these days are long gone but Oat will never be forgotten...my condolences to the family

Brandon Gibbs - August 28, 2017 at 09:49 AM



Thank you Brandon for your kind words.

Mark Burlison - April 25, 2024 at 09:53 PM

LY

“ My condolences to you all.....Larry Yoakum

larry yoakum - August 26, 2017 at 04:33 PM



Thank you Larry.

Mark Burlison - April 25, 2024 at 09:53 PM

LE

“ I am sorry for the family's loss. Please find some solace in the promise of the resurrection mentioned in the Bible at John 6:40.

Lewis - August 26, 2017 at 05:58 AM



Jesus is are only hope....thank you.

Mark Burlison - April 25, 2024 at 09:54 PM