



## Raymond "Randy" P. McDowell

July 9, 1929 - April 19, 2018

Raymond "Randy" P. McDowell, 88, of Bradley passed away on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at his home. He was born on July 9, 1929 in Metropolis, IL, the son of John and Gladys (Vinyard) McDowell. Raymond married Gloria Jean Karnes on October 2, 1951 in Piggott, AR. She preceded him in death on December 2, 2016.

Raymond was a member of Church of God in Manteno and Exline Sportsmans Club. He worked as a Weigh Master at General Foods for about 37 years until his retirement in 1984.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, reading, doing yard work, bird watching, painting and most of all, spending time with his grandchildren. Raymond was a fan of the Chicago Cubs.

He is survived by three daughters Brenda (Marc) Currie of Mechanic Falls, ME, Rebecca McDowell of Bourbonnais, and Tammy (Morgan) Galik of Kankakee; one son Grant (Nancy) McDowell of Wilmington; fourteen grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren with one on the way; one brother John (Carol) McDowell of Kentucky; two sisters Mary (Robert) Phillips of Metropolis and Barbara Griffin of Metropolis; his Riley Cat; and many nieces and nephews.

Along with his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; one son Gary McDowell; one brother Coy McDowell; and one sister Mildred Polifka.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 from 9am until the 11am funeral service at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. Burial will follow at Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kankakee. Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

# Cemetery Details

## Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 25. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

APR 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

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



“ *Raymond "Randy" P. McDowell*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM

RS

“ *We are so sorry for the loss of (Uncle) Randy! Hop and I wish we could attend the services but we are unable to miss work. The whole family is in our prayers. We know that he will be missed by all who knew him. May God bring you comfort you through this difficult time!*

*Hop and Becky Souligne*

Rebecca Souligne - April 24, 2018 at 02:14 PM



Tammy Galik

*Thank you very much ❤️*

Tammy Galik - April 26, 2018 at 01:31 PM

EM

“ *I have many memories of my grandfather, but my two favorite childhood memories are when we picked cherries off the cherry tree in the back yard together and when we prepared, on a hot summer day, a large jug of sun tea to sit out on the picnic table. He didn't talk much when we were together, but he always made me feel important and loved. I have always loved him for the many things he did for me and my siblings. He and my grandmother were always committed to our success and supported us every step of the way. I will forever remember, love and admire him for being a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and uncle. He will truly be missed.*

*RIP Grandpa Randy.*

*Love, Esther Jean*

Esther McDowell - April 23, 2018 at 11:24 AM



Tammy Galik

*I forgot about that cherry tree and the sun tea 😊. He loved to be outside ❤️*

Tammy Galik - April 23, 2018 at 12:51 PM

Tammy Galik

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Tammy Galik - April 23, 2018 at 09:52 AM

Tammy Galik

“ I was blessed to be Randy's baby girl. My dad was one in a million, I cannot imagine how life will be without him. He truly was a kind, peaceful, humble, loving man with a great sense of humor. I will miss his quick wit and one liner jokes that always had us laughing so hard. He didn't smile alot but he was a happy man. He loved all of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren so very much. He taught me how to fish, catch worms, crawdads, love nature and most importantly unconditional love. I had 48 years with this incredible human being and it was not long enough. I feel so empty and lost without him in this world. Dad, I love you more than words can say. You will forever be my hero, you never let me down, never made me feel as if I wasn't good enough, you were everything I hope I can be. Heaven just received a hero, my hero, my daddy. ❤️❤️❤️

Tammy Galik - April 23, 2018 at 09:41 AM

LT

“ My condolences to all of you. I am sorry I will not be able to attend the services, but will be there in spirit with you. Uncle Randy was a beautiful and gentle soul and will be missed by many. It is with comfort that he went peacefully and didn't have to suffer. With thoughts and love at this time.....Linda Theis

Linda Theis - April 23, 2018 at 07:00 AM

Tammy Galik

The k you very much Linda. He was exactly like you described him. Our hearts are shattered but we are comforted that he passed the way he lived..quiet and peaceful. Love you.

Tammy Galik - April 23, 2018 at 09:30 AM

AN

“ One if the best memory's of Uncle Randy was when we would play Boggle. He would have this super long word worth alot of points. Everytime Aunt Jean would challenge him to find it in the dictionary. And sure enough he would find the word. You will always be in my heart. Love & Miss you Uncle Randy!! RIP XOXO



April Gerretse Niece - April 22, 2018 at 09:31 PM



Tammy Galik

I forgot all about that..she didn't mess around when it came to Boggle 😊❤️. God Bless them..they are together again.

Tammy Galik - April 22, 2018 at 09:36 PM

AH

“ I will always remember him as a gentle soul with a kind spirit and a great love for his family.



Angie Hasemeyer - April 22, 2018 at 04:26 PM



Tammy Galik

He was a gentle giant 💙 and loved his family. Thank you for your kind words.

Tammy Galik - April 23, 2018 at 09:43 AM