



## Robert N Hardwick

November 13, 1937 - December 21, 2019

Robert N. "Bob" Hardwick, 82, of Kankakee passed away on Saturday, December 21, 2019 at Riverside Medical Center. Bob was born on November 13, 1937 in Buckingham, IL; the son of Robert and Florence (Verhoeks) Hardwick. Bob married Kathleen Collins on March 17, 1957 in Clifton. Bob worked for 39 years at Gould National Battery until he retired in 1999; throughout his career Bob served as president of the local IBEW union for 28 years. Bob was an avid model train collector; and also enjoyed birdwatching and gardening.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 62 years Kathleen, his children Richard Hardwick of Eureka, CA, Debra Hammond of Kankakee, and David Hardwick of Kankakee, his grandchildren Layla Bohm and Aaron (fiancé Shannon O'Connor) Hammond.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Kenneth Hardwick. To honor Bob's wishes cremation rites will be accorded by Schreffler Funeral Home Kankakee. A memorial service for Bob will be held at the Schreffler Funeral Home Kankakee Chapel on Saturday, December 28, 2019 at 2 pm. The family will receive guests at the funeral home from 12 noon until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers those who wish may leave memorials in Bob's name to Disabled American Veteran's.

Please visit Bob's online obituary at [www.schrefflerfuneralhome.com](http://www.schrefflerfuneralhome.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 28. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

DEC 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert N Hardwick*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Kathleen-*

*I am so sorry to hear of Robert's passing. I enjoyed waiting on the two of you so much when I was at First National Bank of Clifton (First Trust and Savings Bank now).*

*May God Bless you and give you the strength to go on without him-- you two did everything together so it's going to be hard for you.*

*Diane (Seibring) Nowicki*

**DIANE NOWICKI** - January 02, 2020 at 10:34 PM



“ *Kathy I'm so sorry to hear of Roberts passing. You two were always so nice to me at Grumish. Please know that you and your family our in my prayers*

**tonie** - December 29, 2019 at 09:46 AM



“ *Kathleen, So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Have missed so many of the patients at Grumish. Hope that you are doing ok. Sending prayers for you and your family. 🙏🙏. Patti Roach*

**Patti Roach** - December 28, 2019 at 12:03 PM

JV

“ Dear Kathy,

*It is with deep sadness and empathy that I read of Bob's passing. There are fewer and fewer relatives/friends left in Kankakee but I still read the obits once a week. This is a very bad time to lose someone--the holidays will never be the same. I trust that your faith, the support of your family, and the good memories you have will sustain you in your grief. I have pleasant memories of "connecting" with you guys when we were able to get back to Kankakee.*  
*Lovingly, Jeannine*

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**Jeannine G. Verhoeks** - December 27, 2019 at 10:05 PM



“ Bob was one of the sweetest, most honest and genuine man I have ever known. He was not just our fellow worker, but a staunch leader of the IBEW that protected all of us as well. He had such a wonderful personality and easy going manner that just endeared him to everyone that worked at Gould Battery. Even though I moved to CA in 1975, we stayed in touch with him and his wonderful wife Kathy and enjoyed seeing them one time when they were visiting in CA. My husband Mark and I never went back to Kankakee without calling he and Kathy and made plans to see each other and go out to dinner to catch up on our lives. I lost my beloved husband on February 22nd, 2018, and I know without a doubt that when Bob passed over, Mark was one of the fella's there to welcome him home. Mark loved Bob as much as I did, especially the fact that they were both train enthusiast's. He was loved by so many and will be dearly missed, but at this point in life, he probably has more friends in heaven than he did here on this earth, and I for one will be looking forward to seeing him soon, GOD Willing.



*Rest in Peace our dear sweet man, we love you and we'll miss you  
OHHH SO Much!*

*Lynne Keltner*

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**Lynne Keltner** - December 27, 2019 at 07:26 PM

TL

“ I worked at Gould for 35 years and have to say Bob was one of the best guys I knew there. I don't think he ever got ticked off where it effected his work or his dealings with his fellow IBEW Union members. Bob was I believe a friend to all who knew him and worked with him. My sincere condolences to Bob's family on their loss of such a great father, husband, etc. God Bless you Bob.



*Ted Lease*

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**Ted Lease** - December 26, 2019 at 07:12 PM

MH

*Bob along with Harry Thompson did so much for the members of IBEW local 963 that can never be repaid. He always had a calm manor about him which was perfect for the job of president. God bless you Bob and Rest In Peace*

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**mike hatch** - December 28, 2019 at 11:54 AM

JB

*Really fun loving personality. Jerry the Mailman*

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**jerry bjick** - December 28, 2019 at 04:30 PM

CS

“ *Carla Scheppler lit a candle in memory of Robert N Hardwick*



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**Carla Scheppler** - December 26, 2019 at 11:21 AM