



## Russell Downhour

September 29, 1927 - January 31, 2019

Russell Downhour, 91, of Bourbonnais passed away on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at his home. He was born on September 29, 1927 in Miami, IN, the son of Russell E. and Vesta Childers Downhour. Russell married Virginia Lee Bond on April 7, 1951.

Russell worked as a Chemist for General Foods Gaines plant for 37 years, until his retirement in 1987. During that time, he obtained several Patents and was awarded the President's Award for Research on Gaines-Burgers.

Russell was a Veteran of the United States Army, working in Occupation Forces in Italy from 1946-1947. After his service, he graduated from Purdue University in 1950.

Russell enjoyed golfing, gardening, reading and bowling. He was a fan of the Chicago Bears and enjoyed watching College Basketball. His hobbies included refinishing furniture, weaving baskets and caning chairs.

He is survived by his wife Virginia Downhour of Bourbonnais; two sons Kevin Downhour of Cottonwood Heights, UT and Paul (Diane) Downhour of Salt Lake City, UT; one daughter Susan Stukenborg (Bill Williston) of Traverse City, MI; two sisters Jean Simpson of Greentown, IN and Jane Hostetler of Alexandria, IN; and two grandchildren Anne Downhour and Zoe Downhour. He was preceded in death by his parents and one son-in-law John Stukenborg.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2019 from 2-6pm at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. Funeral service will be held on Monday, February

11, 2019 at 11am, also at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee, with additional visitation one hour prior. Burial will follow at Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kankakee. Memorials may be made to Asbury United Methodist Church or Donor's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 10. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

FEB 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

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FEB 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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



“ *Russell Downhour*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



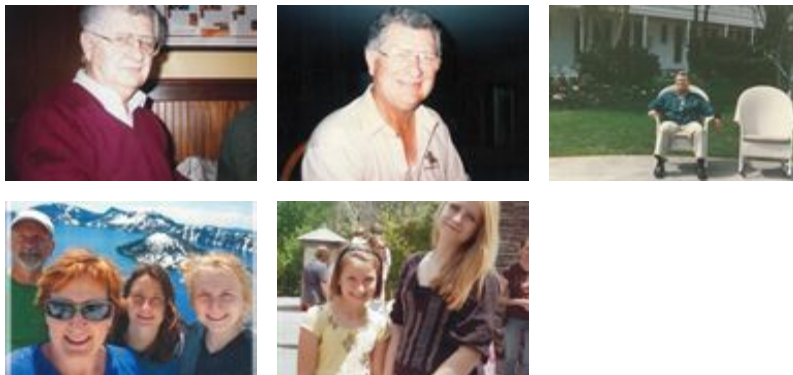
“ *Virginia R Dominick lit a candle in memory of Russell Downhour*



**Virginia R Dominick** - February 09, 2019 at 01:20 PM



“ *41 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Schreffler Funeral Home** - February 08, 2019 at 11:35 AM

MB

“ Kevin

*I am sorry to hear about your Dad. He was a good guy. My sympathy goes out to you and your family during these sad times.*

*Your friend*

*Marv Burmaster*

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**marv burmaster** - February 08, 2019 at 09:19 AM

JR

*Dear Ginny and family,*

*Weather has prevented us from being there with you today. We are so sorry and wish we could be there with you all to grieve Russell's passing, offer comfort in your loss, and too, to celebrate a life well-lived. Our thoughts and prayers are with you today and in the coming days as well.*

*Much love,*

*Ernie, Jane, Joy and family*

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**Joy ruegsegger** - February 11, 2019 at 09:16 AM