



## Theodore J. Wheeler

January 28, 1929 - January 25, 2020

Theodore J. Wheeler, 90, of Bradley and formerly of Kankakee passed away January 25, 2020 at Aperion Care Nursing Home.

He was born January 28, 1929 in Kankakee to Gilbert and Constance (St. Germaine) Wheeler. Theodore married Lois A. Walker on August 7, 1948.

He proudly served our country in the Army. Theodore was employed by Adcraft Printers, General Foods Coupon Center and the Bourbonnais Herald. He retired from Roper Corp. in 1994 after 40 years of employment there.

Theodore was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus and secretary of the Krik Krossin Golf League. He enjoyed bowling, golf, playing cards, reading, crossword puzzles and was an Avid Chicago Cubs, Blackhawks and Bears fan.

Theodore is survived by 2 daughters and a son-in-law; Carol Callahan of Alamogordo, NM, Pamela (Scott) Riley of Henderson, NV and a grandson Cameron Coleman. Also surviving are his sisters and brothers-in-law; Constance Denault of Bradley, Jacquelyn Cross of Bonfield, Barbara (Maynard) Denault of Kankakee, Rosemary (Daniel) Babinski of Bradley and 2 sisters-in-law; Ann Wheeler of Kankakee, Mary Turngren of Bourbonnais and numerous nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, 2 sisters, Dorothy Brouillet, Linda Patterson and 3 brothers Gilbert Jr., David and Richard Wheeler and a granddaughter, Kelly Coleman.

The Memorial visitation will be 5 – 8 pm, Thursday, February 6, 2020 at the

Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel and 10:30 -11am Friday, February 7, 2020 at St. Rose of Lima Chapel. The memorial service will be 11 am, Friday, February 7, 2020 at St. Rose of Lima Chapel. Father Charles Wheeler will officiate the service. Inurnment will be at Kankakee Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. 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

## Memorial Visitation

FEB 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Visitation

FEB 7. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church  
486 W Merchant St.  
Kankakee, IL

## Memorial Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church  
486 W Merchant St.  
Kankakee, IL



# Tribute Wall



“ *Theodore J. Wheeler*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *My sympathy, prayers and love to all*



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**Virginia R Dominick** - February 01, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ *My favorite memories of Uncle Ted (Donut man) were every Wednesday evening he and Aunt Lois would come over to our house, when growing up. He would always bring with him Dunkin Donuts. We would sit and visit while enjoying donuts until the adults would start playing cards. He always took the time to talk with us kids first. He made us feel special.*

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**Sandy Rocha** - January 31, 2020 at 02:25 AM



*These are my favorite memories of Uncle Ted too... and even once we were in college and happened to be home on Wednesday, he'd always talk to us like no time had passed, still ready to share some words of wisdom. He and Lois loved sneaking bites of donuts to Max on those evenings. They both loved our four legged friends as much as we did. So glad they're rejoined in heaven today... I'm sure Mom and Dad are playing cards with them on Wednesdays again. And they're sneaking bites of donuts with Max :-)*

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**Janice Bannigan** - February 02, 2020 at 01:50 PM

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*I didn't know this card-playing tradition started so many years ago. Caron and I joined Ted, Lois, Mom and Dad and other family members at the house off Hieland Road on Wednesday nights. After Mom died, Dad, Ted & Lois and others came to our house for card playing for many years. When Ted & Lois moved into Bradley Royale nursing home we started playing there once a week. A lot of family members got involved with these card nights over the 40+ years. What a wonderful tradition...so typical of the Wheeler family.*

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**Bill Brouillet** - February 04, 2020 at 10:50 AM

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“ Aaron & Dinah Cross & Family lit a candle in memory of Theodore J. Wheeler



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**Aaron & Dinah Cross & Family** - January 30, 2020 at 10:33 PM

BB

“ Caron & I have shared SO many great memories with Ted, it was hard to pick one special time. However, I think the Peoria Rivermen vs. Fayetteville Marksmen hockey game in 2018 was an event that he truly enjoyed. Our tickets said row 1, so we sat in the first row behind the glass. Later we discovered our tickets were for row 1 of Section B...about 12 rows back. However, the people who had tickets for the seats we were sitting in agreed to sit in some empty seats near ours and let us have our front row, fantastic views, scared out of our minds when players crashed into the glass front row seats. The Peoria Rivermen won in a high scoring game, something like 7-3, and as you would expect in a hockey game when one team gets a big lead...there were a lot of fights. Ted was more than happy to explain to Caron why there were so many fights, but she still felt the fights made the game less enjoyable, but Ted & I did enjoyed the fights. That was Ted's last "road trip", and I think he enjoyed the long ride in the car and getting out for most of the day. I only wish we could have had more "road trips" for Ted.

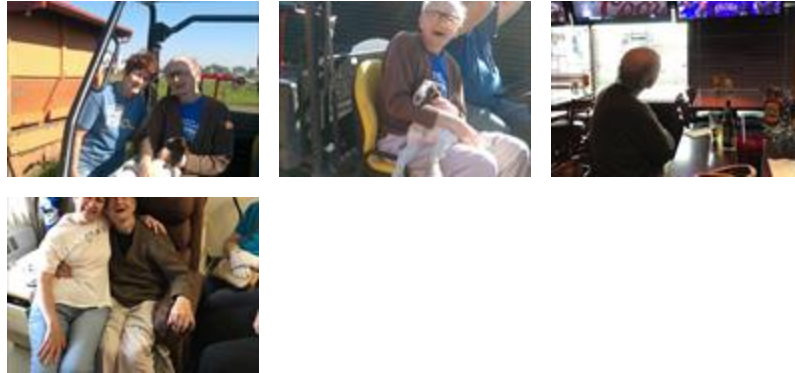


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**Bill Brouillet** - January 30, 2020 at 06:43 AM

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“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Pam - January 29, 2020 at 11:16 AM

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Bill Brouillet - January 28, 2020 at 12:58 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Nieces & Nephews



Bill Brouillet - January 28, 2020 at 12:57 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album siblings



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**Bill Brouillet** - January 28, 2020 at 12:55 PM

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**Bill Brouillet** - January 28, 2020 at 12:53 PM

JA

“ *Judy Andersen lit a candle in memory of Theodore J. Wheeler*



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**Judy Andersen** - January 28, 2020 at 11:31 AM

JA

*I worked at Roper with Ted. Such a great person. Smart and with good work ethics. He completed his work with pride. He always had a smile for everybody and treated everybody with respect and kindness. RIP my friend. Sympathy to Ted's family.*

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**Judy Andersen** - January 28, 2020 at 11:36 AM

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“ My favorite memory of Ted, of course, is that he walked me down the aisle, and Rosie and Linda, too, I think. And he loved holding babies. Always had a gentle touch around little kids. He was my Godfather, and held the family together when financially we needed to make Mother comfortable in her own home. He was smart, intelligent, smarter than the average bear. He will be missed. God bless him.

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**Barb** - January 28, 2020 at 09:28 AM