



## Vern E. Havener Jr

July 3, 1955 - November 29, 2018

Vern E. Havener Jr, 63, of Kankakee, formerly of Limestone, passed away on Thursday, November 29, 2018 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was born on July 3, 1955 in Kankakee, the son of Vernon E. Sr and Donna (Anderson) Havener. Vern married Jacqueline Gray on January 28, 1984 in Kankakee.

Vern retired from Local 150 as a Heavy Equipment Operator and Limestone Fire Department. After retirement, he drove part time for FS Grain. He enjoyed meeting at Dunkin Donuts with his group every morning, but his favorite days were spent boating with his grandchildren on the Kankakee River. He was a member of the Kankakee Valley Boat Club.

He is survived by his wife Jacqueline Havener of Kankakee; three sons Brent Havener of Limestone, Tyler (Kristi) Havener of St. Charles and Dane (Kendi) Havener of Dutton, VA; three grandchildren Riley, Jace and Colt; two sisters Iona Naese and Margo (Robert) Helgeson; his mother Donna Havener of Brownsville, TX; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A party to celebrate Vern's life will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2018 from 12pm-6pm at the Kankakee Valley Boat Club. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Limestone Fire Department or Kankakee Valley Boat Club.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

DEC 15. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee Valley Boat Club  
1600 Cobb Blvd  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall



“ Vern E. Havener Jr

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ I will always remember Vern as one of the sweetest kindest men. I met him when I worked at Fran's. He was always very funny and kind. I never knew him to be ungrateful for anything. He loved his family and friends. I still got to see him when I would go to Dunkin' Donuts in the morning I would see him and the guys. Always had great little conversations. Vern you will be truly missed by your friends and family. Thanks for the memories. You will always be in our hearts.  
Your friend Susie Sidener



Susie Sidener - December 08, 2018 at 09:40 AM



“ Frank And Michele Triveline lit a candle in memory of Vern E. Havener Jr



Frank and Michele Triveline - December 04, 2018 at 02:34 PM

TM

“ Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Vern E. Havener Jr



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**Tom Mallaney** - December 03, 2018 at 01:52 PM

TC

“ There a more then a million memories - Fire Department, Westwind, Snowmobiles, Monroe Fire School, Chicken BBQ, and the best is the Love Boat Cruise. This is just a few. Vern will be missed, but so many memories to ease the hole in our hearts.

Tom and Marla Clark  
Tucson, AZ

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**Tom & Marla Clark** - December 03, 2018 at 11:51 AM

CO

“ I always enjoyed working with Vern at Bisailon Excavating. He always made us laugh.

Jackie and family I'm so so sorry for your loss. ❤️

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**Cindy O'Connor** - December 02, 2018 at 12:59 PM

JH

“ Margo, Jackie and family. I am so sorry to hear about Vern. God bless you and give you comfort. Kevin, Joyce, Amy and Nicole Hines.

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**Joyce Hines** - December 02, 2018 at 08:43 AM

SW

“ Jackie, I cannot say how truly sorry I was to hear of Vern’s sudden death. My thoughts have been with you the past few days. 💕💕

Sandra Wilson - December 01, 2018 at 12:41 PM

TH

“ I remember going on a call with Vernie when we both jumped into rescue 8 in true firefighter fashion. Unbeknownst to us a new probie had armoralled the bench seat. We hit so hard in the middle of the seat it knocked our helmets off. I don’t think I had ever heard that many swear words that fast in my life. Then, as usual, we had a good laugh about during the euchre game afterwards. My deepest sympathies to you Jackie and family.

Tim Hults - December 01, 2018 at 10:38 AM

CW

“ I’m so sorry to hear of your loss. Cheryl (Cassidy)Weaver and family 🙏🌟🙏

cheryl cassidy weaver - December 01, 2018 at 09:27 AM

GE

“ Really going to miss my buddy. Always came into neighborhood at far end so as to drive by his house. He would usually be sitting on his chair with door open,so I would stop and we would enjoy a beer or two. Always so much fun.


Gary Entwistle - December 01, 2018 at 08:52 AM

GS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Jackie and family right now during this very difficult time. Vern had such a big heart and we definitely will miss seeing him down at the Boat Club.

Greg & Teresa Stell - November 30, 2018 at 11:47 PM

BM

“ Our hearts are broken. We shared some wonderful memories with you and will be forever grateful! 

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**Brandon and Heather Muzzarelli** - November 30, 2018 at 10:38 PM

RO

“ We are heartbroken, to say the least. Vern was a very special kind of guy. He always made time to chat. He was the first guy in line to help you in anyway, at all. The Coy family will for sure miss his Santa visits, on Christmas Eve.  
Thinking of the Havener Family at this difficult time.  
Ron and Sally O'Connor

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**Ron O'Connor** - November 30, 2018 at 10:04 PM

RK

“ Our family is so very lucky to have met you and i just wanted to tell you that you raised 3 wonderful sons especially Tyler, although i am sure they were all very special to you in their own way. There will never be a happier Santa than you Vern and thanks for making Ron your co captain on the pontoon when we visited. You will be missed but not forgotten. Ron and Sandi Kawanna

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**Ron and Sandi Kawanna** - November 30, 2018 at 07:59 PM