



## William Gresham

July 10, 1922 - December 31, 2015

William R. Gresham, age 93, of Bourbonnais, passed away on December 31, 2015 at home. William was born on July 10, 1922 to Thomas and Delita (Green) Gresham in Kankakee, IL. He proudly served in the United States Army and served during WWII. He served in the European Theater and the Battle of the Bulge. He married Audrey Temme Staack on December 4, 1959 in Kankakee, IL. He was self-employed as a floor and furniture refinisher. He worked from 1946 until his retirement in 2000. He was a member of the American Legion, VFW, and Amvets. He was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Monee. He enjoyed dogs, fishing and playing the harmonica. He also enjoyed playing cards, especially euchre and visiting with friends.

William is survived by his wife, Audrey of Bourbonnais, IL; two sisters-in-law, Blanche Gresham of Bourbonnais, IL and Elaine Feddersen of Grant Park, IL; special cousins, Ron and Jan Green of Kankakee, IL and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Michael Gresham; daughter-in-law, Melissa Gresham; four brothers, Woodrow, Paul, Thomas Clair and Kenneth; three sisters, Ruby Wilson, Ruth Drassler and Thelma Balk and one nephew, Rodney Wilson.

Visitation will be on Monday, January 4, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Schreffler Funeral Home's Bourbonnais Chapel. William's funeral service will

be on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at Schreffler Funeral Home's Bourbonnais Chapel. Burial will immediately follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the Kankakee County Human Society, Hospice of Kankakee Valley and St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Monee.

# Cemetery Details

## Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Bourbonnais Chapel  
1100 N. Convent St.  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-2421

## Funeral Service

JAN 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Bourbonnais Chapel  
1100 N. Convent St.  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-2421

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Gresham*

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February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *What a wonderful man Bill was. He did work for us and was a master at his trade. He always had a smile on his face.....truly one of the "good guys"*  
*Nick and Shirley Africano*

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**shirley/nick africano** - January 07, 2016 at 07:11 PM



“ *Bill was a great guy. We shared many good laughs and conversations at Marty's Newstand. He will be missed. Our deepest condolences to his wife and family.*

*Steve Randazzo and Russell Berg*

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**Steve Randazzo** - January 04, 2016 at 09:11 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. We would be there today, but we sold our home today and are en route to Florida to our new permanent home.*  
*Bill was like the big brother I never had. We shared so may good and bad times.*  
*Our thoughts and prayers are with you Audrey.*

*Bob & Kay Smith*

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**Robert A Smith** - January 04, 2016 at 04:57 PM

LS

“ In the 50's ,when Bill was single, he had a room at my parents house.  
We always treated him as family and vice versa.  
Bill had a new 1952 oldsmobile convertable ,and let me use it on St. Patricks  
Day for the st. pats high school parade. always miss the banter he had  
between friends. God rest his soul.

Larry Skelly

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**larry skelly** - January 04, 2016 at 03:21 PM

LD

“ It was an honor to be part of Bill and Audrey's family. Both have always been so caring and delightful. Uncle Bill was a great guy and prankster of the highest degree. He would introduce Aunt Ruby Wilson or Ruth Drassler, both his sisters, as his Mother to those whom did not know the family connection. He put a deer decoy in Ruth's yard and hung a Steve Drassler is getting married sign over the Bradley viaduct on August 1, 1981. He was known as the Fun Guy to our son, Mike. Bill loved music and always entertained us . He was great brother to his sisters, always repairing what they needed to be fixed.He loved all his dogs like they were his children. Audrey was the Apple of his Eye, and they had a wonderful marriage. All who knew and all those who remember Uncle Bill will always have a smile on their face because he brought laughter and joy to everyone who ever met him. Bless Uncle Bill and all the Gresham family members.

Laura Drassler

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**Laura Drassler** - January 02, 2016 at 03:44 PM

MM

“ *I remember his dog wearing a news cap while riding in his truck. He refinished our furniture after our house burned. He had a great sense of humor. Heaven will never be the same.*  
*Mary and Tom Maass*

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**Mary and Tom Maass** - January 02, 2016 at 02:18 PM

MM

“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers*  
*Mary and Tom Maass*

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**Mary and Tom Maass** - January 02, 2016 at 02:08 PM

JJ

“ Wonderful memories of when he and my brother worked on floors. He was so much fun, Always so happy and ready to help in any way he could . You are in our prayers. God bless you and give you the strength and peace necessary as you go through this difficult time.



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**Judy and Dick Johnston** - December 31, 2015 at 09:16 PM

TG

“ *Bill was such a kind and gentle man, he was always happy and always glad to see you. He will be greatly missed.*

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**TINA GRISE** - December 31, 2015 at 08:52 PM

KC

“ *Bill was a kind and generous man. I remember him letting us (myself and Jeff) borrow his van when we would move my daughter Jennifer to and from college. Whenever I saw Bill he always had a smile on his face.*  
*I am sorry for your loss. I'll be keeping you all in my prayers.*  
*Karen Graveline Curby*

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**Karen Curby** - December 31, 2015 at 08:38 PM