



Clarence William Kanturek

March 15, 1936 - June 17, 2024

Clarence William Kanturek, 88, died Monday, June 17, 2024 at Asbury Village in Godfrey. Born March 15, 1936 in East St. Louis, IL, he was the son of Rudolph U. and Viola E. (Frye) Kanturek. He married the former Mary Ann Nekola on October 1, 1955 in Alton. She preceded him in death on May 28, 2020. Mr. Kanturek retired from the Alton Carpenter Union #377 after 65 years of service and attended St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. He was a member of the Alton Knights of Columbus and the St. Peter The Fisherman Church in Mountain Home, Arkansas. Clarence loved golfing, fishing and hunting. He enjoyed the outdoors, woodworking, bowling, playing cards and was an avid Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs fan. Every year he made Christmas ornaments for every family member. He loved living at Asbury Village and all the activities they offered. Surviving are 11 children, Perry Kanturek (Bessey Shiavelis) of Blenheim, Ontario, Elaine Vincent (George) of Ft. Worth, TX, Patti Meyers (Robert) of Jonesburg, MO, Andy Kanturek (Julie) of Carroll Stream, IL, Cyndi Hargus (Derrick) of Alton, Emily Rice (Steven) of Dorsey, Sam Kanturek (Kathy) of Godfrey, Tim Kanturek (Sarah) of Alton, Lori Williams of Riverton, IL, Christopher Kanturek (Missy) of Grafton, and Alex Kanturek (Helen) of Rydal, GA. Also surviving are 21 grandchildren, Lindsey, Darren, Shaen, Sara, Amy, Abby, Katie, Alissa, Chelsea, Bethani, Drew, Corey, Miranda, Chad, Justin, Hunter, Boston, Savannah, Kyle, Madison, and Alexandria, and 21 great grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters, Liz Dalton of Collinsville and Helen LeBeau (Bob) of Collinsville, three sisters-in-

law, Dolores Parish, Elaine Person, and Rose Lee McClure. Along with his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a son, Larry Kanturek, a son-in-law, Jerry Williams, and his in-laws, Tom and Emily Nekola. Services will be held in Mountain Home, Arkansas at a later date. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhom.com

Tribute Wall

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“ As the flower girl at Aunt Mary Ann's and Uncle Clarence's wedding a LONG time ago, and a niece who has memories even though I pretty much grew up in Chicago (Tom Nekola's daughter), I have lots of memories: Bath time at the Kanturek's was an assembly line with Mary Ann in the bathroom washing one down, and Uncle Clarence in the hall, ready with the towel to dry one off. Over and over and over again. Lots of kids. BIG Xmas gatherings in a small house on Horn St. in Alton. Almost every year my husband Steve Pelot and my kids would come by in the evening. Been there lots of time, but one year walked into the neighbor's house and couldn't find anyone I knew!

When I was a teen, we moved down to Alton and Uncle Clarence would take all of us to the Y for swimming, and was just another crazy kid playing. What fun!

Ilene (Nekola) Jones

Ilene (Nekola) Jones - July 03, 2024 at 07:15 AM

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“ So Nancy and I did not know Clarence very well. Did a project one time with his boys and I definitely knew who the boss was. We didn't have to know Clarence to know the type of man that he was. His family reflects him every day. He was a man of integrity, hard worker, love for life, love for his family and love for God. Rest in peace Clarence. Dave and Nancy Diehl

David and Nancy Diehl - June 24, 2024 at 12:39 PM

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“ Love and prayers for the family. So many good memories were made with all you guys. I can still hear Mom calling hey Sonny Honey. Rest in peace.

Joyce McGeehan (Seibold) - June 22, 2024 at 11:08 AM

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“ Miss you pops. Love you always Pat Pat❤️🙏❤️

patti Meyers - June 21, 2024 at 01:46 PM