



Clarence "Sonny" Manker

September 7, 1935 - January 26, 2019

Clarence "Sonny" Manker, 83, of Manteno, passed away Saturday (Jan. 26, 2019) in Kankakee. He was born Sept. 7, 1935, in Kankakee, the son of J. Bert and Hazel Hill Manker. He married Phyllis Craig on Oct. 3, 1964, in Kankakee, and she survives.

Sonny retired after 38 years at Amoco Chemical, where he worked as a pipefitter. He was a licensed plumber and journeyman pipe fitter for 62 years. He belonged to Locals 597 and 383 where he taught apprenticeship classes. He was a member of Grace Community United Methodist Church in Bourbonnais and an active member of the board of trustees for Asbury UMC, Manteno UMC and Grace Community UMC.

He was a longtime member of the Experimental Aircraft Association, and he enjoyed flying, boating, water skiing and biking. He was a member of Manteno Masonic Lodge and was a 32nd Degree Mason.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Paul Colwell, of Phoenix, Cathy Walker, of Manteno, and Amy and Dan Meyer, of Schaumburg; and grandchildren, Eric Colwell, Corinne (Walker) and Clayton Schultz, Brinna Walker, Sarah Meyer, Ellyse Walker, Nicholas Meyer and Emily Meyer.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Martha Moran; brother, Warren Manker; and granddaughter, Rebecca Hamlin.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at Brown Funeral Home in Manteno, with Masonic rites at 7 p.m. Additional visitation will be from 10

a.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, until the 11 a.m. funeral services at Grace Community United Methodist Church, Bourbonnais. The Rev. Amos Dillman will officiate. Pallbearers will be Joe, John and Rob Manker; Todd Ahrens; Matt Badgley and Eric Colwell. Interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Manteno. Memorials may be made to Grace Community United Methodist Church in Bourbonnais or Hospice of Kankakee Valley. Please sign his guestbook at brownfuneralhomemanteno.com.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

Manteno, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Jensen Funeral Home
21 N Main St
Manteno, IL 60950

Visitation

FEB 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Community United Methodist Church
735 Main St NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Service

FEB 2 (CT)

Grace Community United Methodist Church
735 Main St NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Tribute Wall



“ Clarence "Sonny" Manker

October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ so sorry for your loss, I know Sonny and John Minnich were best friends and shared so many memories growing up together and taking many bike rides together.
your family is in our thoughts

the Minnich family

BARRY MINNICH - February 03, 2019 at 09:12 AM



“ Sonny was my uncle. Remembering him brings back fond memories of airplanes, boats, and a pool table in the basement. He will be missed, and never forgotten. Rest In Peace Sonny. Condolences to my Aunt Phyllis and all my cousins.
Drew Gulley

Drew Gulley - February 02, 2019 at 09:06 PM



“ My condolences to the family and friends of Sonny. I had the privelage to work with Sonny and in doing so learned more than any other time in my career as a pipefitter. He was a great man to share his knowledge with so many men he came in contact with thru out his career.

Ron Day - February 02, 2019 at 11:51 AM

EJ

“ I worked with Sonny for many years as a pipefitters,he was one of the best lay out men I ever worked with. He was a great teacher and mentor. He will be missed by many. Ed Jones

Ed Jones - January 31, 2019 at 06:41 PM

GE

“ Had the pleasure of having Sonny as a teacher back in the 70's. Many apprentices turned out to be skilled journeyman due to Sonny's expertise. .My sympathy to all his family.

Gary Entwistle - January 31, 2019 at 03:35 PM

NS

“ Phyllis, Lyle and I want to extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Sonny was such an asset to his community and to his church family. He will be dearly missed by all.

Nancy Shear - January 31, 2019 at 03:00 PM

VP

“ Worked with Sonny as a trustee at Grace Community. That man could fix anything ! We used to share enjoying McDonalds coffee instead of the \$5 version. Sonny was as practical with the church's assets as he was when enjoying simple \$1 cup of coffee. He was really fun to know and to work with. Prayers to his family .

Victor Pourroy - January 31, 2019 at 12:09 PM

KH

“ Phyllis, so sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Kathy Hultsch - January 31, 2019 at 10:01 AM

AE

“ *Phyllis,
As a fellow brother of Sonny, the Pipefitters of Local 597 have lost a great man. He was a prince of a guy. Our deepest condolences to you and your family.*

Andy Ertel - January 31, 2019 at 09:45 AM

SH

“ *Sonny was such a nice guy. Sold him a boat (which they may still have???) many many years ago. Know he will be missed in Manteno by many. Our condolences. Gary & Sue Hoskins*

Sue Hoskins - January 31, 2019 at 09:18 AM

AM

We only sold the boat a couple of years ago. That boat gave us so many fun family memories.

Amy Meyer - February 01, 2019 at 06:57 AM

SB

“ Dear Amy, Dan, Sarah, Nick, Emily and rest of Manker Family,

My deepest condolences to you all as you mourn the passing of a great Father and Grandfather, and Husband. I remember, Amy, times where you spoke so admiringly of your Dad, and his kindnesses, and of his skills. Especially his love and joy of his family.

May the Lord surround you in His arms with His love at this difficult time after the years of sickness of your Dad's.

My great sympathy to all of you.

With love,

*Sophie Byrnes
previous ORUMC*

Sophie J Byrnes - January 31, 2019 at 02:40 AM

JM

“ Amy, and family, We send our love and prayers to you as you mourn the loss of your Dad and Grandfather. Their was never a doubt that he loved his family and was so very proud of all of you. Blessings and comforting hugs during this difficult time. John and Edie Machonis



John and Edie Machonis - January 31, 2019 at 01:20 AM

DP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Phyllis and family. God bless.
Sincerely, Deb Pass

Deborah Pass - January 30, 2019 at 08:53 PM

MB

“ *Sonny was my teacher at 383 pipefitter school In the 80s.i will always remember him.he was a great teacher.*
yours truly mike boudreau

mike boudreau - January 30, 2019 at 05:53 PM

JB

“ *So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Jill Braun

Jill A Braun - January 30, 2019 at 02:15 PM

JC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Jan & Carl Coleman*



Jan Coleman - January 29, 2019 at 09:47 PM



“ *Loved One Vertical Blanket was purchased for the family of Clarence "Sonny" Manker.*



January 29, 2019 at 04:36 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Clarence "Sonny" Manker.*



January 29, 2019 at 12:14 PM



“ *As much as this is a sad time, it is a joy in knowing that Uncle's Sonny's suffering is over. I was blessed to have known him my entire life and to have him as my uncle. He had a laugh that I will never forget. Prayers for Phyllis, Linda, Cathy and Amy and crew. RIP Sonny, love you to the moon and back.*



Wendy Graskewicz - January 29, 2019 at 10:40 AM



“ *Phyllis and Family; Our hearts are saddened with the news of Sonny's passing. It was such a joy to be his neighbor, both as a child and babysitter, and again as a young mother. May God give you comfort in knowing he is forever at peace. We are in Florida and not able to personally extend our sympathy. Please know you will be in our prayers. Please give a special hug to Linda and Cathy for me. God be with all of you.
Janis & Kevin Nugent.*

Janis Nugent - January 28, 2019 at 11:09 PM

JS

“ *Phyllis*
Our deepest sympathies for you and the family.
Rest in Peace Sonny.
John and Dolores

John Lyons Sr - January 28, 2019 at 05:00 PM

RS

“ *My deepest condolences to the entire family. I had the pleasure of working with Sonny out at Amoco Chemical for UE&C-Catalytic many years ago. He was a great man and storyteller. He will be missed!* 🥺 🙏 🕊️ 🕊️

Renee J. Summerour - January 28, 2019 at 04:20 PM

GP

“ *Our deepest condolences, Sonny was a such a great guy, and a good friend.*

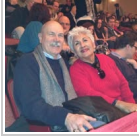
Guy Persico - January 28, 2019 at 03:55 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Clarence "Sonny" Manker.*



January 28, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ *Phyllis and family, our thoughts, prayers, love and hugs at this very sad time. Sonny was a great guy and will be greatly missed. I will miss his gentle smile. May God's peace and comfort fill the empty hole in your hearts.*



Mary and John Thomson

Mary Quiroz Thomson - January 28, 2019 at 12:14 PM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Clarence "Sonny" Manker.*



January 27, 2019 at 01:17 PM