



Gerald Richard Bengé

June 15, 1936 - March 20, 2023

Gerald Richard Bengé, 86, of Manteno, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, March 20, 2023, surrounded by family.

He was born on June 15, 1936, in Rockville Township, the son of Richard and Opal (Gordon) Bengé. On November 23, 1953, he married Marjorie Burger at the Morris United Methodist Church. Gerald was very proactive in his community. He was a farmer in the Deselm area for his entire life. He was a trustee and president for 24 years for the Manteno Fire Protection District, as well as trustee and president for over 40 years at Bloom's Grove Cemetery. For 22.5 years, he was supervisor for Rockville Township. Gerald was also a dedicated member of Manteno United Methodist Church.

Gerald is survived by his dear wife of 69 years, Marjorie Bengé; his daughters, Diana (Ken) Goodwin and Donna (John) Nelson; grandchildren, Jonathan (Jennifer) Nelson, Kimberly (Andy) Gerdes, and Kurt Goodwin (Tammy Reed); great-grandchildren, Alexis (Derrick) Hosselton, Kaylie Kent, Sydney Nelson, and Laney Nelson; and one great-great granddaughter, due in August 2023.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Dennis Bengé; and his in-laws, Clarence and Marjorie Burger.

Visitation for Gerald will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2023, from 9:00AM until the service at 11:00AM, at Brown-Jensen Funeral Home in Manteno. Pastor Lana Robyne will officiate. Immediately following the service, burial will be held at Bloom's Grove Cemetery in Manteno. Pallbearers for Gerald are as follows: Jonathan Nelson, Jennifer Nelson, Kimberly Gerdes, Andy Gerdes, Kurt Goodwin, Tammy Reed, Alexis Hosselton, Derrick Hosselton, Kaylie Kent, Sydney Nelson, and Laney Nelson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Manteno Fire Protection District.

Cemetery Details

Bloom Grove

Manteno, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Service

MAR 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Burial

MAR 25 (CT)

Bloom Grove
Manteno, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald Richard Benge*

October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM

DW

“ *Marge,
Sorry to hear about your loss of Gerald. My condolences and prayers are with
you and your family.
Rick Williams and family*

Diana J Williams - March 24, 2023 at 05:51 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of
Gerald Richard Benge.*



March 23, 2023 at 10:14 PM

TS

“ *The Schulte's purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family
of Gerald Richard Benge.*



The Schulte's - March 23, 2023 at 07:10 PM

TH

“ *Tim & Shari Miller Hammer purchased the Enchanted Cottage
for the family of Gerald Richard Benge.*



Tim & Shari Miller Hammer - March 23, 2023 at 10:10 AM

PH

“ Marge and family,
Sorry to hear of Gerald's passing. You have our sympathy. We won't be attending
the wake as we have a case of covid.
Carole and Park Hollenbeck

PARK HOLLENBECK - March 22, 2023 at 04:53 PM

TF

“ So sorry to hear of Gerald's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers, Marge
and family.

-The Bever Family (Ron, Karen, Kevin & Katelyn)

The Bever Family - March 22, 2023 at 01:17 PM

CP

“ CLAUDIA WEIGT PATTERSON lit a candle in memory of
Gerald Richard Benge



CLAUDIA WEIGT PATTERSON - March 22, 2023 at 10:10 AM

C)

“ Cindy Dupuis (Pat ,Larry& Jeff) purchased the Garden Accent
Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Gerald
Richard Benge.



Cindy Dupuis (Pat ,Larry& Jeff) - March 21, 2023 at 09:16 PM

PH

“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald
Richard Benge.



March 21, 2023 at 07:41 PM

GR

“ Dear Marge and Family,
We are so saddened to hear of Gerald's passing. Not only was he AND you great friends but such loyal customers. I always considered He to be a fantastic farmer and you a fantastic side by side helper to him. I feel very bad, but we are in Florida and not leaving until Saturday to go home. Please know you are already in our thoughts and prayers!!
Gary and Linda Rabideau

Gary Rabideau - March 21, 2023 at 07:03 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Richard Benge.



March 21, 2023 at 05:10 PM

VH

“ Vickie Hammond lit a candle in memory of Gerald Richard Benge



Vickie Hammond - March 21, 2023 at 04:33 PM

HV

“ Sorry to hear this .. I knew Gerald when I lived in Kinkade Grove in Rockville Twp working for Andy Paquette , then when I was on Manteno Fire ... Really nice man

Henry T Vinson - March 21, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald Richard Benge.



March 21, 2023 at 10:10 AM

TH

“ Was always eager to hear my dating stories, would always reference to the man as those “damn men” RIP Gerald, you will never be forgotten.

Tracie Hoschutz - March 21, 2023 at 06:58 AM

MC

“ So very Sorry to hear of Gerald's passing. He was such a Nice Man. I will always remember him teaching me how to drive in the country(Deselm Rd)....that would be the middle of the road! Sending love and prayers for all the Family.

Mariann Clark - March 20, 2023 at 07:57 PM

MF

“ Michael Favors lit a candle in memory of Gerald Richard Benge



Michael Favors - March 20, 2023 at 05:47 PM

BH

“ Bryan & Joelene Hays lit a candle in memory of Gerald Richard Benge



Bryan & Joelene hays - March 20, 2023 at 05:23 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Richard Benge.



March 20, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Richard Benge.*



March 20, 2023 at 02:46 PM

BJ

“ *Marg, so very sorry for your loss. Barb and Jerry Jackson*

Barb Jackson - March 20, 2023 at 02:34 PM

RH

“ *Sending my condolences to the family. So very sorry for your loss.*



Renee Hoots - March 20, 2023 at 02:34 PM