



Kenneth J. Bertrand

September 19, 1941 - April 8, 2023

Kenneth J. Bertrand, 81, of Manteno passed away Saturday April 8, 2023, at Beecher Manor Nursing home in Beecher, IL.

He was born September 19, 1941, in Irwin, IL the son of Isadore and Nora Mae (Swanson) Bertrand.

On November 25, 1961, he married Eloise Gordon at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno.

Kenny was a member of St. George Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. He served with the Illinois National Guard. He retired from Ford Motor Company as Superintendent in the areas of production and production control at the Chicago Heights Stamping Plant after 30 years of service.

Along with his wife, Kenny was the 2013 Manteno Citizen of the year. He initiated, began, and was a member of the St. Joseph Council #11358 in Manteno. He was a fourth degree of the Bishop McNamara Fourth Degree Assembly in Kankakee.

Kenny loved to volunteer for many years in parish and community projects including re-establishment and caretakers of Grotto Park for St Joseph Church, Manteno Veterans Home, St Stanislas Kosta Soup Kitchen in

Chicago, area food pantries and clothing distribution helping those in need.

He enjoyed watching the Cubs and college baseball and was an adoring papa known for his pre bedtime milkshakes.

He is survived by his wife, Eloise Bertrand of Manteno, two sons; Steven (Sharon) Bertrand of Deerfield and Scott (Kristi) Bertrand of Manteno, five grandchildren; Logan, Emma, Lily, Easton, and Braelyn, two brothers; Darrell (Kay) Bertrand of Kentland, IN, and Ray (Karen) Bertrand of Manteno, three sisters; Mary Lou Paquette of Louisville, KY, Linda Blanchette of Manteno, and Denise (Steven) Orth of Manteno, a sister in law, Donna Bertrand, a brother in law Robert (Janice) Gordon, and many nieces and nephews.

Kenny is preceded in death by his parents, sister Patricia Salrin, brother Virgil Bertrand and a brother-in-law Raymond Blanchette.

Visitation will be held Wednesday April 12, 2023, from 4pm until 8pm at Brown-Jensen Funeral Home in Manteno. A funeral mass will be held Thursday April 13, 2023, at 10:30am at St George Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. Father Dan Belanger will officiate. Burial will be at Blooms Grove Cemetery in Manteno.

Memorials may be made to: Fortitude Homeless Shelter Building Fund or Bishop McNamara Catholic High School.

Cemetery Details

Bloom Grove

Manteno, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Mass

APR 13. 10:30 AM (CT)

St George Catholic Church
5250 E 5000 N Rd
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth J. Bertrand*

October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *Barb Peryer lit a candle in memory of
Kenneth J. Bertrand*



Barb Peryer - April 23, 2023 at 04:22 PM



“ *Lori Woods lit a candle in memory of Kenneth
J. Bertrand*



Lori Woods - April 21, 2023 at 11:05 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of
Kenneth J. Bertrand.*



April 14, 2023 at 02:48 PM

TC

“ *Therese Canfield lit a candle in memory of Kenneth J. Bertrand*



Therese Canfield - April 14, 2023 at 09:14 AM



“ *183 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Brown Funeral Home - April 12, 2023 at 03:05 PM

MM

“ *One more Native Mantenoan representative in Heaven, 🙏...Sure will be strange not seeing Kenny around town in His cart, 😞. God Bless Eloise, Stevie, Scooter & Bertrand Family !!!*

Mike Marshall - April 12, 2023 at 11:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Bertrand.*



April 11, 2023 at 11:06 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Bertrand.*



April 11, 2023 at 10:11 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to you and your family Steve from me and from all of our WGN Quarter Centurion/Family group.*

Mark Matz - April 11, 2023 at 12:20 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Bertrand.*



April 11, 2023 at 10:15 AM

RF

“ From 1st grade to senior graduation Kenny was a was a great person to have gone thru school with. Will always remember our basketball games we played together. Was a great teammate. Rest in peace Kenny.

Ron Feldsien - April 11, 2023 at 08:56 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Bertrand.



April 10, 2023 at 09:24 PM

SH

“ Had so many great times with Kenny. He shared birthday with Gary. Although we hadn't spent much time with him over the last years but will always remember him as a kind and caring man. He will be missed by so many I'm sure.

sue Hoskins - April 10, 2023 at 08:00 PM



“ Always loved are banter around the ball diamond in regards to Cubs vs. Sox. Eloise, Steve, Scott and family he will be missed by many. He was a man with great compansion even for a Sox fan like me.

Kevin Mansfield - April 10, 2023 at 04:46 PM



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Kevin Mansfield - April 10, 2023 at 04:48 PM

JT

So sorry to hear this. I worked with Kenny for many years at Ford Motor Company. My deepest condolences to the family.

Jim Thompson - April 10, 2023 at 09:05 PM

EK

Our sympathies to the family. He was my boss for many years in Production Scheduling at Ford. I often have dreams at night that I am still working there and they are good memories. He will be missed.
Ervin Kannberg

Ervin O Kannberg - April 12, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Bertrand.*



April 10, 2023 at 04:28 PM

BG

“ *To the Bertrand Family....
Our condolences on your loss. You are in our prayers.*

Barry, Cheri, Katie and Andrew Grossman

barry Grossman - April 10, 2023 at 03:10 PM

KA

“ *Logan and family
Condolences to you with the loss of grandpa Ken. May his soul rest on peace.*

Scott and Kathleen Ahrens

Kathleen and Scott Ahrens - April 10, 2023 at 12:32 PM

BB

“ *To the Bertrand Family
Kenny always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. He was a good man and will be missed by many. Rest in Peace Kenny.*

Bob Burns - April 10, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Bertrand.*



April 09, 2023 at 10:12 PM

PJ

“ *Sending condolences and prayers to Eloise, Steve, Scott and families and to the whole Bertrand family. Kenny was a great man who always had a smile for you. May he rest in peace. Love, Pammy*

Pam Johnson - April 09, 2023 at 09:43 PM

JW

“ *Eloise, Steve and Scott, my heart is just breaking to hear this. I am so sorry. All I ever had for all of you was the fondest memories.*

Jodi Wyatt - April 09, 2023 at 06:05 PM