

## Richard J. Bertram Sr

December 15, 1948 - October 18, 2013

Richard James Bertram Sr., 64, of Bonfield, passed away Friday (Oct. 18, 2013) at his home. Visitation will be from noon Wednesday until the 3 p.m. services at the Brown Funeral Home in Manteno. Pastor Andy Hansen will officiate. Burial will be in Deselm Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Mr. Bertram was a truck driver. He owned A-2 Motors and worked at Shapiro Developmental Center. He also did volunteer work at the Saddle Club. He was born Dec. 15, 1948, in Kankakee, the son of James "Jake" and Rose Marion Bertram. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of Open Bible Center in Kankakee. He loved his family, grandchildren and horses.

Surviving are his wife, the former Louise Weigt, of Bonfield, whom he married in 1973, in Manteno; one son and daughter-in-law, Richard "Oscar" Jr. and Lisa Bertram, of Manteno; grandchildren, Ashton Richard Bertram, Payton Louise Bertram and Colton Oscar Bertram; his mother, of Momence; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Judy Rattin, of Momence, Marilyn and Lanny Cordes, of Grant Park, and Kathy and Mike Johnson, of Momence; and one brother and sister-in-law, Myron and Janet Bertram, of Bourbonnais.

# Cemetery Details

**Deselm Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT **23**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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### Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard J. Bertram Sr*



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**Brown Funeral Home** - October 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Richard J. Bertram Sr*

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October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about Rich. Mike and I have very fond of memories of Rich. He was so much fun to be around. He will be greatly missed. Our condolences to Louise and Oscar. Sorry we were unable to attend the services.*

*Mike & Brenda Turrell*

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**Brenda Turrell** - October 23, 2013 at 09:22 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Rich. He was always one of the nicest people to know. He will be missed. God's blessing on his family.*

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**Lloyd Kemble** - October 23, 2013 at 05:46 PM

JO

“ So sorry for this loss. Rich and Louise have always been the nicest people. Several years ago when I was going through a difficult time Rich was there for me. I saw Rich this summer and we talked about how wonderful it was to be grandparents. Lisa and Richie. he could not have loved those grand children more.

Jolene - October 22, 2013 at 08:04 PM

JO

“ Jolene lit a candle in memory of Richard J. Bertram Sr



Jolene - October 22, 2013 at 07:57 PM

LS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our apologies for not being able to attend.

Tim and Lisa Schafer

(Son and daughter in law of Sam and Lori Schafer)

lisa schafer - October 22, 2013 at 07:38 PM

RK

“ We are so sorry we are unable to get there in person, but we wanted you to know we trucked with Rich when he was at Melco and thought of him as a friend. Our condolences go out to you all at your loss. Rick & Karen King

Rick & Karen King - October 22, 2013 at 06:08 PM

BC

“ So sorry to hear of your families loss, Rich was a great person and friend. He will be sadly missed.

*KWI SADDLE CLUB*

*Barb St.Germaine*

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**Barb St.Germaine/KWI SADDLE CLUB** - October 22, 2013 at 07:00 AM

JH

“ Oscar and Louise, I loved your dad and your husband. I am sad that we lost such a great man. I love you and your family. Rich has been a father like figure to me all of my life and we will miss him. God bless such a great soul. Love Jr. and Lori.

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**Jr Hunt** - October 21, 2013 at 08:13 PM



“ The pictures of your Dad are wonderful. Sorry for your loss. Let Teri and I know if we can be of help during this tough time. Jim Bacon

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**Jim Bacon** - October 21, 2013 at 04:48 PM

SM

“ Sorry to hear of your family's loss - it's always hard, but be assured the memories will always live on. From a fellow 1967 Momence HS graduate/classmate - Steve Marcotte

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**Steven Marcotte** - October 21, 2013 at 01:19 PM


SH

“ *Our Deepest Condolences for the loss of Husband, Son, Brother, Father, Grandfather and Friend. May God keep you and comfort you.*

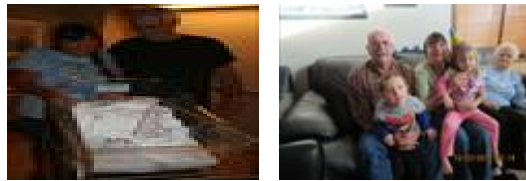
*Sharon Gardner and Howard Hertzberg*

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**Sharon and Howard** - October 21, 2013 at 10:39 AM

 Lisa N  
Richard  
Bertram  
Jr.

“ *2 files added to the album Poppa & Nammy & Grandkids*



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**Lisa N Richard Bertram Jr.** - October 20, 2013 at 11:29 PM

CP

*He looked so healthy and look how good he looked when Colton was born just a few weeks ago. Those grandkids will sure miss him as well so many others. I really enjoyed getting to hold that new baby boy. What a sweetheart he is.*

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**Cathy Sanders Prusinski** - October 21, 2013 at 01:04 AM

 Lisa  
N  
Richard

*I know!!!! This is all so unbelievable, heartbroken and shocked.*

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**Lisa N Richard Bertram Jr.** - October 21, 2013 at 08:43 AM

 Lisa N  
Richard  
Bertram  
Jr.

“ *1 file added to the album Poppa & Payton*



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**Lisa N Richard Bertram Jr.** - October 20, 2013 at 11:25 PM

JD

“ *Our most sincere condolences to the entire Bertram family.  
John 14: 1-4  
God Bless*

*John & Lois Dittrich  
Tempe, AZ*

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**John & Lois Dittrich** - October 20, 2013 at 09:24 PM

BB

“ *So sorry for the loss of your beloved husband, father, son, grandpa, brother, Uncle and friend, I've known Rich and Louise for many years, he will be sadly missed by us all, he was a man of God and a wonderful all around person his love for his family and friends was very obvious by even the simple everyday things he would do for all, and I feel our world was a better place because he was in it!  
Prayers and love to you all.  
Dale & Bev Burton*

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**beverly burton** - October 20, 2013 at 08:54 PM

KJ

“ *9 files added to the album Rich with family*



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**Kathy Johnson** - October 20, 2013 at 12:14 PM

DG

“ Great moments of thinking back of my Uncle Rich as being a father figure to me. He always made sure Oscar and I had the best of times. Thanks for being such a big influence on my life as well as Nate. We all love and appreciate you. We will miss you and always remember the times we had spent together. Uncle Rich was what being a TRUE man was all about! The love and care of his family was most important. We will always love you and cherish the blessed time we had.

*Dave, Veronica, Nate and Olivia*



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**David Garcia** - October 20, 2013 at 12:13 PM



“ Cowboy was a kindhearted man. He was generous and gentle with everyone around him. For as long as I knew him, I cannot recall a time when he said anything mean spirited about anyone. He was a good man of God, who lived out the Lords command to love your neighbor as yourself. Cowboy loved greatly and will be missed greatly by those who were close to him.

*I truly believe that God has healed Cowboy, but unfortunately for us, He had to call him home to do it. As it says in Revelation 21:4, "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."*

*And while we are saddened by our loss of Cowboy, I can picture him completely healed and healthy, sitting at a table with the Lord (or possibly sitting on a horse in a beautiful field alongside the Lord), waiting for our reunion.*

*For the bible says in 1 Thesselonians 4:14, Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.*

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**Mark Drotts** - October 20, 2013 at 11:51 AM



“ Papa will be missed more than words can express. I can't say enough about this wonderful loving man of God. He always made others feel comfortable and welcome and treated my family as if we were part of yours. Our kids even called you "papa" right alongside their cousins. I would give anything to take away the pain and emptiness that his going to be with Jesus has left all of you. So hard to understand but Ashton said it perfectly when he said, " Papa has gone to heaven to be with Jesus, and we praise him. " That is all we can do, praise God that because of what Jesus did death has lost its sting and some day we will all be reunited.

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**Angela's Gymboree** - October 20, 2013 at 03:15 AM



“ I was lucky enough to work for Rich for several years at A-2 Motors.I will never forget your big heart and big smile! and the pure joy you got from working and spending time with your family(OSCAR) You and Louise took in and helped so many people and didn't ask for anything in return.That truly makes you a great man!! We love you and RIP Big Rich!!

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**Tom & Claudia & Family** - October 19, 2013 at 12:06 PM



“ Paula Nash lit a candle in memory of Richard J. Bertram Sr



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**Paula Nash** - October 19, 2013 at 11:05 AM

JG

“ *Jo Ellen Grandpre lit a candle in memory of Richard J. Bertram Sr*



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**Jo Ellen Grandpre** - October 19, 2013 at 10:48 AM

MP

“ *My deepest hear felt sympathy to Louise, Oscar and his family. Rich was a man with gentleness that made children flocked to him instantly, I sat back and watched this in awe. I will always remember his smile and how he touched so many lives. I pray for Gods comfort during this time of sorrow and send my love to all of you.*

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**Mary and David Parker** - October 19, 2013 at 10:35 AM

CP

“ Please accept my deepest of sympathies Louise, Oscar, Lisa ,Rose, Marilyn, Judy, Kathy, Myron and every one of your family members, to many to name. I am so very sorry for this to have happened to such a nice man. My earliest memories of Rich are from when I would be at Marilyn's growing up and Rich and Louise were dating and were inseparable. Rich was always such a nice guy and we always laughed alot in that house in Momence. As an adult he was so happy to be with his family and grandkids. Thanks for the pics you posted on here, it sure shows how happy he was being a grandpa. Sometimes we are called to heaven with so much life left to live and we just don't understand, but when you have faith, and I know you all do, we know that God had a good reason. My prayer for you now is strength, peace and continued faith as you start to heal. God bless all of you. Hugs.



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**Cathy Sanders Prusinski** - October 19, 2013 at 10:12 AM

JW

“ Julie Wood lit a candle in memory of Richard J. Bertram Sr



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**Julie Wood** - October 19, 2013 at 09:23 AM

JW

*My deepest sympathy to Louise, Oscar and family. Rich was truly a wonderful man and touched so many people with his caring, fun loving life. I have very fond memories of him and will always treasure them.*

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**Julie Wood** - October 19, 2013 at 09:26 AM

CB

“ *Carol Buente lit a candle in memory of Richard J. Bertram Sr*



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**Carol Buente** - October 19, 2013 at 08:41 AM

KJ

“ *I always knew I could call Rich for anything, we didn't have to talk often, but could start a conversation like we had just spent a week together. His son and grandkids couldn't have meant more to him if he had 5 hearts the size of a giant. He was the kind, gentle and strong and the kind of brother everyone should have. I am grateful I was able to be at his bedside helping him, Louise and Oscar, Lisa and kids through his devastating illness, I can only hope he knows how much he was loved, even when I was being a Nurse in addition to his baby sister. His family has strong faith and will always remember him with a smile, the best legacy I can think of. Love you big brother*

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**Kathy Bertram Johnson** - October 19, 2013 at 07:15 AM

RP

“ *Regina Palmer lit a candle in memory of Richard J. Bertram Sr*



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**Regina Palmer** - October 19, 2013 at 05:50 AM



“ *Larry Ladewig lit a candle in memory of Richard J. Bertram Sr*



Larry Ladewig - October 19, 2013 at 01:25 AM



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Lisa N Richard Bertram Jr. - October 19, 2013 at 01:15 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard J. Bertram Sr.*



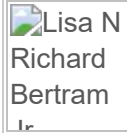
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Lisa N Richard Bertram Jr. - October 19, 2013 at 01:11 AM

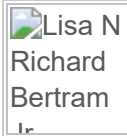


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**Lisa N Richard Bertram Jr.** - October 19, 2013 at 01:09 AM

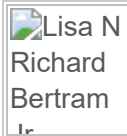


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**Lisa N Richard Bertram Jr.** - October 19, 2013 at 01:08 AM



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**Lisa N Richard Bertram Jr.** - October 19, 2013 at 01:06 AM



“ *Claudia Ladewig lit a candle in memory of Richard J. Bertram Sr*



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**Claudia Ladewig** - October 19, 2013 at 01:00 AM