



Bernard R. Meredith

June 22, 1941 - November 17, 2024

Bernard R. Meredith, 83, of Bourbonnais, passed away Sunday, November 17, 2024.

He was born June 22, 1941, in Rogers Township, the son of Ernest and Gracie (Bishop) Meredith. He was a forklift driver at Armstrong and loved tinkering. On July 2, 1961, he married Parnell M. Statler at the United Methodist Church in Kankakee. He loved working on old cars and old lawn mowers. He also enjoyed going to car shows and fishing. Most of all he loved playing with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bernard is survived by his wife, Parnell M. Meredith of Bourbonnais; children, Yvonne (Dana) West of St. Anne and Randy (Stefanie) Meredith of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota; siblings, Charlotte McKay of Watseka and Bill Meredith of Kankakee; grandchildren, Tara (Brent) Boehrnsen, Dru West, Megan (Alex) Russo, and Jacey Meredith; great grandchildren, Grady Boehrnsen, Hunter and Baedan West, Ford and Lincoln Russo.

He is preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Riley Meredith; and five siblings.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, November 26, 2024, from 10 a.m. until the memorial service at noon at Jensen Funeral Home. Burial will take place at

Mound Grove Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood Ave.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 26. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 EAST State Route 17
Kankakee, IL 60901
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

Memorial Service

NOV 26. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Vickie Page lit a candle in memory of Bernard R. Meredith



Vickie Page - November 25, 2024 at 08:50 PM



“ Jim and Sally purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Bernard R. Meredith.



Jim and Sally - November 25, 2024 at 11:53 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bernard R. Meredith.

November 25, 2024 at 10:07 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bernard R. Meredith.



November 25, 2024 at 10:07 AM

DM

“ Deepest Sympathy Jan Makkay purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bernard R. Meredith.



Deepest Sympathy Jan Makkay - November 24, 2024 at 12:03 PM

DM

“ Deepest Sympathy Jan Makkay planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard R. Meredith.

Deepest Sympathy Jan Makkay - November 24, 2024 at 12:03 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Bernard R. Meredith.



November 23, 2024 at 07:27 PM

JB

“ Condolences to Bernie's family.

Jim beedle - November 23, 2024 at 08:12 AM

LS

“ Love Michael, Jamie, Santina purchased the Father - Large Memorial Stone for the family of Bernard R. Meredith.



Love Michael, Jamie, Santina - November 22, 2024 at 03:27 PM

RA

“ Bernard, I'll always remember how you always joked around with me and momma Darlene when we came to visit everyone, I'll always remember when u took me fishing and to the local bar to have a few cold drinks and play a game of pool, you will be sadly missed by everyone but never forgotten, may your soul rest in peace till we meet again
Love yah, Richard Ackley

Richard Ackley - November 21, 2024 at 07:16 PM

RA

“ Richard Ackley purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Bernard R. Meredith.



Richard Ackley - November 21, 2024 at 05:50 PM

RA

“ Richard Ackley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernard R. Meredith.

Richard Ackley - November 21, 2024 at 05:50 PM

JS

“ *Judy Steele lit a candle in memory of Bernard R. Meredith*



Judy Steele - November 21, 2024 at 09:49 AM

YV

“ *Miss you so much! I promise to look after mom till you can be reunited. I'm so glad there is no more pain and suffering for you. You fought a very long battle, and I'm very proud of you for not giving up. Fighting for every step in your rehab and hearing how many to took each day. I hope I have the strength you've shown me. I'm gonna miss the trips we want on, but so glad we did lots together. I valued the time we shared together and cherish them all. Hugs dad!*

Yvonne - November 20, 2024 at 02:05 PM

MB

“ *Mary Blum lit a candle in memory of Bernard R. Meredith*



Mary Blum - November 20, 2024 at 11:35 AM

DP

“ David P. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bernard R. Meredith.



David P. - November 19, 2024 at 10:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bernard R. Meredith.

November 19, 2024 at 04:47 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernard R. Meredith.



November 19, 2024 at 04:47 PM

DM

“ Bernard was my brother-in-law. Him and my sister, Parnell, have a daughter, Yvonne, seven months older than I. He pretty much let Parnell raise us like twins. If it wasn't for Bernie there would have been many adventures I would never have taken in my younger years. My had off to Bernie for all the car care and repair he did for me. Getting me a lawn mower, snow blower and such when I had not way to repay him. Thank you for showing me how to be kind..you never left a motorist stranded on the side of the road.

DEBORAH MAE MALONE - November 19, 2024 at 02:23 PM

DS

Bernie was my brother in law. I remember my 1959 Chevy would not start in subzero temperatures with a wind at the Kankakee Community College parking lot. Bernie came out and gave me a jump and got me going. Very miserable, but he came out and helped me anyway. Bernie also recommended that I buy that 59 Chevy...my first car. A very good purchase. I got several years and several trips to and from Montana with that vehicle, purchased for \$250. Bernie was always there to help if he could. Thank you and RIP.

David P Statler - November 19, 2024 at 10:10 PM

KC

Bernie married my best friend, the best things in life are the people you love and all the great memories you've made along the way, Parnell and I have been friends since we were little

Karen Contois - November 20, 2024 at 03:02 PM