



Nicholas J. Bowers

February 7, 1986 - June 7, 2026

Nicholas J. Bowers, 40, of Bourbonnais, formerly of Manteno, passed away surrounded by the love of his family Sunday, June 7, 2026, at his home after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born February 7, 1986, in Kankakee, the son of Jerry and Cindy (Clutz) Bowers. He graduated from Manteno High School, Class of 2004. Nick was an Owner-Operator for Norton Trucking. On February 15, 2020, he married Stephanie R. Burton at the Manteno Sportsman's Club.

Nick loved nothing more than spending time with his family and friends. His boys were his pride and joy, even if he didn't always show it in obvious ways. He was known for his sharp sarcasm, quick wit, and always having the perfect comeback ready. Whether he was blasting his favorite music, watching wrestling, or cheering on the Green Bay Packers, Nick did everything with enthusiasm. He was a devoted Packers fan and never hesitated to let fans of other teams know they were WRONG.

He loved a cold beer and considered himself a true beer enthusiast.. and got a good kick out of "drive by icing" all his friends & family. He was the undisputed king of trolling, stirring up debates on Facebook just for the fun and a constant stream of inappropriate memes. He was also famous for dodging family photos whenever possible and flashing his trademark one-

finger salute for the camera when he couldn't escape.

One of Nick's favorite ways to unwind was taking a ride on his Harley alongside his wife, friends, and cousins. Nick's humor, stubbornness, loyalty, and larger-than-life personality will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his wife and best friend, Stephanie Bowers of Bourbonnais; sons, Clayton Bowers, Brayden(Kendi Andrews-Earling) Alejos, and Munka Alejos; mother, Cindy Bowers of Buckingham; sisters; Heather (Phil) Skroko of Watseka and Samantha Bowers of Buckingham; grandmother, Barbara Jean Clutz of Buckingham; in laws, Kelly (Buba) Johnson of Manteno and Duane (Julie) Hill of Manteno; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Ray (Sami) Burton of Bourbonnais, Morgan (Robert) Schmalz of Aurora, and Michelle Hill of Manteno; nieces and nephews, Reese (Jonna), Blake, Carson, Anthony, Ethan, Owen, Cianna, Lyla, Luca, Lucy, Dominic, Amari, Sylas, Zayah, Charlotte, Maizey, Finn, Isaiah, Antonio, Lorenzo, Jaxson, Niko, Autumn, Emily, and Drake; great niece and nephew, Brynlee and Layne; special cousins, Jeremy Rutan, Donald (Sierra Spreitzer) Rutan, and Lindsay Hill; beloved southern family; best friends, Brett (Krystal) Vanmeter, Randy (Jessica Hafner) Cast, John (Kailey Welker) Tackett, Ashley (Lucas Gibson) Alejos, and Jessica Jendrzszak; as well as several aunts, uncles, cousins, and many other beloved family & friends; and of course loving dog, Millie.

Nick is preceded in death by his son, Jordy Ray Bowers; father, Jerry Bowers; uncle, Lewis Bowers; aunt, Becky Rutan; maternal and paternal grandparents; father-in-law, Raymond Burton; Aunt Shelly; and beloved dog, Trixie.

Visitation will be held Monday, June 15, 2026, from 4pm until 8pm at Jensen Funeral Home, Kankakee. A second visitation will be held Tuesday, June 16, 2026, from 10am until the funeral service at 11am at Jensen Funeral Home,

Kankakee. Burial will immediately follow at Limestone Cemetery. After burial, there will be a celebration of life held at the Manteno Sportsman's Club on the back patio, the family kindly requests you bring your favorite dish or snack to share with everyone.

Please remember to wear Green Bay Packer's or Harley Davidson's attire in honor of Nick's favorite things.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the wishes of the family. There will be a memorial benefit held at The Office Bar & Grill, Kankakee on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at 2pm to help the family in this time of need.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **15**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

JUN **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JUN **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

JUN 16. 1:00 PM (CT)

Manteno Sportsman Club
851 N Main Street
Manteno, IL 60950

BACK PATIO-TENT DO NOT GO INSIDE THERE IS BINGO GOING ON

Tribute Wall

DK

“ *Darcy & Donn Kane lit a candle in memory of Nicholas J. Bowers*



Darcy & Donn Kane - June 14 at 12:27 PM



“ *Sending continued love and prayers throughout this difficult time. May you feel God's comfort daily.*

Rhonda Currie - June 13 at 04:28 PM

LA

“ *My heartfelt sympathy and condolences go out to Nick's entire family. Even though I didn't know Nick, I was good friends with his mom, Cindy, when we were teenagers. It sounds like Nick inherited his mom's sense of humor. I pray God keeps you all in his loving arms as you work through the grief of losing such a wonderful young son, brother, uncle, husband, father and friend.*

*Much love and many prayers,
Linda (Williams) Ayres*

Linda Ayres - June 13 at 12:00 PM

TL

“ *The Bourbonnais Bears Football League purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Nicholas J. Bowers.*



The Bourbonnais Bears Football League - June 11 at 12:49 PM

YF

“ *Youngblood and Panico family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Nicholas J. Bowers.*



Youngblood and Panico family - June 11 at 10:59 AM

YF

“ *Youngblood and Panico family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nicholas J. Bowers.*

Youngblood and Panico family - June 11 at 10:59 AM

CB

“ *I've known you since high school! I remember how funny you were and down to earth.*

Christina B (Schmidt)



Christins Bader - June 10 at 09:27 PM

MR

“ My deepest condolences and sympathy to Stephanie, his sons, family and friends. I've known Nick since they were young teenagers. He was a very nice person. Praying for all 🙏



Mindi and Sydney Roberts - June 09 at 01:01 AM

JU

“ Jackie Unger lit a candle in memory of Nicholas J. Bowers



Jackie Unger - June 09 at 12:44 AM

JU

My condolences to the family.

Jackie Unger - June 09 at 12:45 AM

CH

“ Prayers to the family and all who loved Nick. May he rest in Gods loving arms surrounded by Angels. Much love and peace.

Cathy Hamende - June 08 at 10:10 PM

LF

“ Didn't see Nick a lot but when I did always had a good time talking with him! Had such a great sense of humor! Always made me laugh! Was such a WONDERFUL family man! I will truly miss him! Rest in peace Nick and I know Jordy is in your loving arms again ❤️ Laura

Laura Fox - June 08 at 03:24 PM