



Peter A. Torchia

April 29, 1929 - November 11, 2023

Peter A. Torchia, 94, of Kankakee, passed away on Saturday, November 11, 2023.

He was born April 29, 1929 in LaSalle, IL, the son of Salvatore and Rose (Polizzi) Torchia. On June 10, 1961, he married Evelyn Rupprecht at Holy Rosary Church in LaSalle, IL.

Peter, a veteran of the United States Army. He served from 1976-1977 as a Fulbright Exchange teacher in Norwich, England. He was an elementary teacher and school administrator for 32 years. Peter served on multiple boards in Kankakee County, Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra, Community Arts Council, Parish Council of St. Martin of Tours n/k/a Parish of John Paul II, Exploration Station. Peter was a member of the Kankakee Valley Barber Shoppers, Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, and Kankakee Carvers. Peter was a 20 year volunteer for Hospice Uplifted Care. He was a member of St. John Paul II Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Peter is survived by his wife Evelyn; daughter, Meta Rose Torchia of Chicago, IL; son and daughter-in-law, Phillip Torchia and Gina Lamonica of Bloomington, IL; sister-in-law, Lean Torchia of Henry, IL; step granddaughter, Casey Carlson of Dekalb, IL; thirteen nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Salvatore and Rose (Polizzi) Torchia; sisters, Angelina Sandrolini, Josephine Torchia, and Rosemary Torchia; brothers, Henry Torchia, Joseph Torchia, and Anthony Torchia.

He loved his family and friends, gardening, singing and theater.

Visitation will be held at Jensen Funeral Home in Kankakee on Friday, December 1, 2023, from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Funeral mass will be held at St. John Paul II Catholic Parish in Kankakee on Saturday December 2, 2023 at 10:30 am. Burial will be at All Saint Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra or St. John Paul II Catholic Church of Kankakee.

Jensen Funeral Home is handling has the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W, State Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Mass

DEC 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II Catholic Parish
907 S. 9th Ave
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Peter A. Torchia.*



November 30, 2023 at 03:50 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Peter A. Torchia.*



November 30, 2023 at 05:05 AM



“ *Allison H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Peter A. Torchia.*

Allison H. - November 30, 2023 at 05:05 AM



“ *Christopher Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Peter A. Torchia*



Christopher Wilcox - November 18, 2023 at 01:10 PM

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“ I was very fortunate to have Mr. Torchia as my fourth grade teacher (Kennedy). The Doglio/Torchia Team was outstanding and really made me love learning. As a college professor teaching future teachers how to teach, I find myself using the hands-on learning techniques Mr. Torchia exposed us to on a daily basis.

*My condolences to the entire family.
Jessica Friedericks (Reardanz)*

Jessica Friedericks - November 18, 2023 at 09:05 AM