



William "Bill" Klopp

September 9, 1940 - February 7, 2026

William "Bill" Klopp, 85, of Kankakee, Illinois, passed away surrounded by his loved ones on February 7, 2026, at Loyola University Medical Center. Born on September 9, 1940, in Kankakee, he was the son of Robert Klopp and June (Carter) Klopp.

Bill lived a full and hardworking life rooted in dedication to family, service, and community. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy before beginning a career with Conrail. His spirit later led him to own and operate Radiators Unlimited, a business he poured his heart into for many years. Most recently he worked for the Show Bus Company as a bus driver for a few years.

On March 2, 1973, Bill married the love of his life, Karen (Senesac) Klopp, in Kankakee, Illinois. Together they built a strong and loving family. Bill was also preceded in marriage by his first wife, Shirley (Pool) Klopp.

A man of faith, Bill was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kankakee. Outside of work and church, he found joy in the outdoors. Fishing and hunting were among his favorite pastimes, and he cherished the peaceful moments they brought him. He also had a special place in his heart for his dogs, especially raising Labrador Retrievers for many years, whose loyal companionship brought him comfort and happiness throughout his life.

Bill is survived by his devoted wife, Karen; his sons and daughters-in-law, Tim and Taylor Klopp, Jason and Carrie Klopp, and Lloyd Klopp; his daughters and sons-in-law, Lori and Larry Allie, Missy and Tracy Grimm, and Brenda

Klopp. He was a proud grandfather to eleven grandchildren: Mark Mitchell (Kristin), Stephanie Benoit (John), Brian Powell, Allison Roman (David), Macy Connors (Ricky), Andrew Klopp, Kenzie Klopp, Jude Klopp, Jack Klopp, Zach Klopp, and Emma Klopp. He was also blessed with twelve great-grandchildren who brought him immense joy.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Shirley, and his sister, Diana Waldo.

Those who knew Bill will remember his steady presence, his work ethic, and the love he held for his family. His legacy lives on in the many lives he touched.

Memorial Service will be March 1, 2026, at Jensen Funeral Home in Kankakee, IL from 3pm to 7pm.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 1. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 E IL-17
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-4001
<https://www.jensenmemorialchapel.com>

Military Honors

MAR 1. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KG

“ Ken and Kathy Geary purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of William "Bill" Klopp.



Ken and Kathy Geary - February 28 at 02:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Klopp.



February 28 at 12:15 PM

TP

“ The Papineau's purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of William "Bill" Klopp.



The Papineau's - February 28 at 11:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William "Bill" Klopp.

February 27 at 07:19 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Klopp.*



February 27 at 07:19 AM



“ *The Brooks Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of William "Bill" Klopp.*



The Brooks Family - February 26 at 10:07 PM



“ *Bill I'll miss our chats down at Tiny Tap. Rest in peace.*

Tom Dandelles - February 22 at 04:22 PM



“ *My dad, Larry Bourrell, always spoke kindly of Bill. They were only a couple weeks apart in age. Thoughts, prayers and sympathies for all of the family.*

John Bourrell

John Bourrell - February 16 at 10:16 PM

BD

“ Prayers sent to Karen, And the family. Bill was a great friend & neighbor. We will miss seeing & talking with you about our dogs, one of those pups were from the litter of your labs 9 years ago, and all the joking around about everyday life & the neighborhood. Rest easy, Bill, from Greg & Barb.



Barbara Dams - February 16 at 05:45 PM

JS

“ Judy Steele lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Klopp



Judy Steele - February 16 at 01:07 PM

TM

“ Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Klopp



Tom Mallaney - February 16 at 05:50 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Klopp.



February 15 at 12:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William "Bill" Klopp.

February 15 at 12:22 PM



“ Pete & Connie Dato lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Klopp



Pete & Connie Dato - February 15 at 12:19 PM



“ My sympathy to the family. I'm sorry for your loss. Susan Wagner



Susan Wagner - February 15 at 12:09 PM



“ Our sympathy. Bill was a great guy!



Dave and Debbie McCarty - February 14 at 09:05 PM

KH

“ Kathy & Gary Hunger lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Klopp



Kathy & Gary Hunger - February 14 at 08:43 PM

DM

“ Donna McCollum lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Klopp



Donna McCollum - February 14 at 04:17 PM

PO

“ Patricia And Steve Olson lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Klopp



Patricia and Steve Olson - February 14 at 03:17 PM

MR

“ Monica Rocha lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Klopp



Monica Rocha - February 14 at 02:37 PM

JP

Bill

We spent a lot time together working in the shop.

On the trucks

I will miss our phone calls and the laughs

May you rest in peace my Old friend

Keebie aka Keebler

John p Papineau - February 14 at 06:21 PM