



John Mac Cleeland

May 11, 1950 - January 25, 2024

Mac Cleeland, 73, a longtime Kankakee County resident, passed away peacefully at his Manteno home, surrounded by loved ones, Jan. 25, 2024. He was the son of Ellie and Richard "Cub" Cleeland. Born in Butler, Pa., he moved to Kankakee's "South Side" as a youngster and was a stand-out athlete at Kankakee Westview High School. He attended Western Illinois University on a football scholarship and eventually "graduated at the top of his class from Wossamotta U."

He married his love, Mary Jane "M.J." Harbour, in 1967. Together, they raised four children, including, Suzie Cleeland (Jim Gelino), of Limestone, Becca Cleeland (Bill Higgins), of Chicago, and Scott Harbour Cleeland, of Prescott, Ariz. Mac was a proud grandfather, "Poppie," of four grandchildren, including, Jordan Phelps (Justin), of Belleville, Andrew Offen, of Nashville, Tenn., and Tyler Offen, of Bradley. Also surviving are his brother, Bill Cleeland (Patricia), of Estes Park, Colo.; along with several beloved nieces and nephews; and his dog, Sami.

Mac was a proud union member of his local IBEW and worked for ComEd for 35 years. After his retirement, he and M.J. moved to the Verde Valley of Arizona, where he enjoyed playing golf and made many new friends. He was a connoisseur of bloody mary drinks and IPA beers.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his sister, Barb Harbour; his parents-in-law, Mary and Ron Harbour; and his beloved dog, Sophie.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life open house will be

from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at Smitty's, 1098 W. Station St., Kankakee. The family invites friends to join them and share memories with them.

Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care Hospice, Bourbonnais, online at upliftedcare.org/make-a-difference/make-a-donation/ or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **10**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Smitty's Bar
1098 W. Station St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall



“ *Kaye Wallace lit a candle in memory of John Mac Cleeland*



Kaye Wallace - May 29 at 01:54 AM

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“ *From Ernest Rozia Verrett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Mac Cleeland.*

From Ernest Rozia Verrett - February 02, 2024 at 09:20 PM

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“ *From Ernest Rozia Verrett purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of John Mac Cleeland.*



From Ernest Rozia Verrett - February 02, 2024 at 09:20 PM