

From the Tuesday, September 25, 2007 edition of the Kankakee Journal:

A funeral Mass for Francis "Frank" R. O'Connor, 85, of Kankakee, was celebrated Sept. 25 at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church. Rev. Dennis Settles officiated. Mr. O'Connor died Sept. 20, 2007. Burial, with military rites, was in St. James Cemetery, Irwin. Pallbearers were Brandon O'Connor, Darrin and Dan Boudreau, Wayne Coplea Sr., Wayne Coplea Jr., and Ken Clark. Honorary pallbearers were William, Gerald, and Alex O'Connor.

From the Sunday, September 23, 2007 edition of the Kankakee Journal:

Francis O'Connor -- Kankakee

Visitation for Francis "Frank" R. O'Connor, 85, of Kankakee, will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. today at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, where funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday. Rev. Dennis Settles will officiate. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery in Irwin. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. He died Thursday (Sept. 20, 2007) at the Veterans Administration Illiana Healthcare System in Danville. Mr. O'Connor was a retired farmer from the Irwin area. He was born Nov. 11, 1921, on the farm in Irwin, the son of William and Catherine Donovan O'Connor. He was a member of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church. He served during world War II in the U.S. Army. He enjoyed woodworking. Surviving are his wife, the former Florence P. Guimond, whom he married June 5, 1943, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Judy and Wayne Coplea of Cary, N.C., Eileen and Dan Boudreau of Clifton, Donna Gullquist and friend Ken Clark of Chebanse; one daughter-in-law, Tami O'Connor of Atlanta; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; three brothers and one sister-in-law, William "Bill" O'Connor, Alex and Lorene O'Connor, all of Irwin, Gerald O'Connor of Bradley. Deceased are one son, Mark O'Connor, two infant grandchildren; one sister, Mary Ducat; and two brothers, James and Paul O'Connor. Please sign his guestbook at clancygernon.com