

From the Wednesday, September 23, 2015 edition of the Kankakee Journal:

Kurt L. Franke, 53, of Kankakee, passed away Monday (Sept. 21, 2015) at his home. He was born July 31, 1962, in Dolton, the son of Wallace and Paule Franke. He married Julie Curwick, in 2001, in Kankakee. He was employed by H&R Industries in Beecher. Surviving are his wife, of Kankakee; mother-in-law and step-father-in-law, Diane and Dennis Kunz, of Indiana; father-in-law, Delbert Curwick, of Kankakee; aunts, Carol Ginger, Shirley Walter and Sharon Morton; brothers-in-law, Joseph and Jeffery Curwick; sisters-in-law, Kristen Thomas and Jill Boswell; sister-in-law and caregiver, Jamie Boswell; and several nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents; and sister, Sandra Jordan. Private services will held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family. Please sign his online guestbook at clancygernon.com. (Pd.)

From the Peotone Vedette:

July 31, 1962 - September 21, 2015 Kurt Lynn Franke, 53, of Kankakee, died at 12:29 a.m. on Monday, September 21, 2015, at his home. He was born July 31, 1962, in Cook County. He was a 1980 graduate of Beecher High School and had worked for H and R Industries in Beecher. He enjoyed reading and watching science fiction and fantasy, and anything to do with dragons. Mr. Franke is survived by his wife, Julie Curwick Franke, whom he married on June 1, 2002, in Kankakee; a brother, Brian (Denise) Franke of Fairborn, Ohio; his step-mother, Paula Franke of Tollesboro, Ky.; his parents-in-law, Diana and Dennis Kunz of Indiana; three sisters-in-law, Kristin Thomas, Jill Boswell and Jamie Boswell; and two brothers-in-law, Joseph Curwick and Jeffrey Curwick; aunts, Shirley Walter, Sharon Morton and Carol Ginger; many nieces and nieces; and his furkids. He was preceded in death by his father, Wallace Henry Franke, on September 22, 1994; his mother, Jackie Causgrove, in 1998; and a sister, Sandra Lee Jordan, in 2009. Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life will be held locally with details to be announced later. Burial will be in the family cemetery in Tollesboro. Arrangements were under the direction of Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Kankakee.