From the Friday, October 25, 1996 edition of the Kankakee Daily Journal (includes photo):

Leslie Viator Kerouac, 78, of Kankakee, died Thursday (Oct. 24, 1996) at St. Mary's Hospital. Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday with a prayer service at 2 p.m. at Hertz-Thoma Chapel, Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Kankakee, by the Rev. Charles Wheeler. Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Mr. Kerouac retired from Kroehler Manufacturing after 36 years as a frame assembler. He was born Dec, (sic) 7, 1917 in Manteno, the son of Viator and Rose Jette Kerouac. His wife, the former Alice Book, whom he married Dec. 28, 1946 at St. Rose Church, died Feb. 20, 1986. Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-lw (sic), Donald and Billie Kerouac and Dennis and Sharon Kerouac, all of Kankakee; one daughter, Judith Anne Kerouac of Kankakee; one sister, Doreen Wiersema of Bradley; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was a member of St. Rose of Lima Church. I worked with him in the Summer of 1974 stocking the wood before I went to college.

[Broderbund Family Archive #110, Vol. 1 A-L, Ed. 5, Social Security Death Index: U.S., Date of Import: Jan 15, 1998, Internal Ref. #1.111.5.128532.72] Individual: Kerouac, Leslie Social Security #: 334-07-9628 SS# issued in: Illinois Birth date: Dec 7, 1917 Death date: Oct 24, 1996 ZIP Code of last known residence: 60901 Primary location associated with this ZIP Code: Kankakee, Illinois