From the Sunday, January 14, 1996 edition of the Kankakee Journal:

A funeral Mass for Paul L. Menard, 68, of Kankakee, was celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Kankakee, by the Revs. Charles Wheeler and Denis White. Mr. Menard died Jan. 8, 1996 at St. Mary's Hospital, following an extended illness. Burial, with military rites by the Aroma Park American Legion F-Troop, was at All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Pallbearers were his ten sons, Jamie, Michael, David, Tim, Bill, Adam, Allen, Pat, Warren, and Mark.

Obituary in Tuesday, January 9, 1996 edition of the Kankakee Journal:

Visitation for Paul L. Menard, 68, of Kankakee, will be from 2-9 p.m. Wednesday, with a wake service at 4 p.m. at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Kankakee, by the Rev. Charles Wheeler. Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Mr. Menard died Monday (Jan. 8, 1996) at St. Mary's Hospital, following an extended illness. Mr. Menard was a former employee of Kankakee Roper Corporation and a cabinetmaker with his brother. A member of St. Rose, he was a eucharistic minister. A pigeon fancier, he was a member of the American Racing Pigeon Union. He was a coach in the Kankakee community for 15 years with Azzarelli Colts. He took his team to the superbowl in Titusville, Fla. He served with the U.S. Coast Guard and was a member of the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans. He enjoyed motorcycle riding. He was born Feb. 2, 1927 in Manteno, the son of Henry and Jennie Burton Menard. Surviving are his wife, the former Areletta Jones, whom he married Oct. 17, 1948 at St. Rose Church; 10 sons and nine daughters-in-law and four daughters and three sons-in-law, Jamie and Joannie Menard of Crawfordsville, Ind., Michael and Linda Menard of Holicong, Pa., David and Sue Menard, Tim Menard, Bill and Terry Menard and Adam and Stacy Menard, all of Kankakee, Allen and Diane Menard of Brookfield, Wis., Pat and Barb Menard of Buckingham,Warren and Lori Menard of Lafayette, Ind., and Mark and Gina Menard of Lees Summit, Mo., Pauletta and Don Lovaz of Ballwin, Mo., Mary and Michael Kohl of Bradley, Maria and Edward Kunisch of Old Bridge, N.J., and Ellen Menard of Libertyville; three sisters and one brother-in-law, Rita and Babe O'Connor of Irwin, Madonna Mantucca of Berwyn and Pauline Africano of Kankakee; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Bud and Lou Menard of Bradley and Jerry Menard of Kankakee; 32 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Deceased are his parents; two brothers, Robert and James; and one sister Theresa Sullivan.

From the Sunday, June 19, 1994 edition of the Kankakee Journal (w/photo):

"All of the things in life he has taught me. Being one of ten sons, when you have ten boys to raise, what other job in life is so important. What I am today is what he taught me yesterday; what he is today is what I want to be tomorrow. What a real man and father he is." -- David Menard, Kankakee, and his father, Paul.