From the Tuesday, October 24, 1978 edition of the Kankakee Journal:

Robert D. Menard, 57, RR 6, died at 9:22 p.m. Monday at St. Mary's Hospital following a six-month illness. He was born Jan. 21, 1921, in Bourbonnais to Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Menard. He was married May 18, 1946, at St. Joseph's Church to the former Edna Memenga. Mr. Menard was a retired cabinet maker. For a number of years he owned and operated the Bob Menard Cabinet Shop, retiring three years ago. He was a veteran of service in the South Pacific during World War II. He was a member of the Pigeon Club and a member of the Amateur Radio Association. Surviving are his wife; one son, Robert of Columbus, Ohio; four daughters, Nancy VerShaw of LaCrosse, Wis., Rebecca Papineau of Bourbonnais, Maribeth and Julie, both at home; four brothers, Melvin of Bradley, Paul of Kankakee and Jerry and James, both of Bradley; four sisters, Pauline Africano of Bourbonnais, Madonna Mantucca of Cicero, Theresa Sullivan of Kankakee and Rita O'Connor of Irwin, and two grandchildren. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church by the Rev. Edward O'Malley. Visitation at the Clancy Funeral Home will be from 2 p.m. Wednesday and before the services Thursday. The rosary will be recited at the funeral home at 8 p.m. Wednesday. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery. A memorial in Mr. Menard's name has been established for the Cancer Fund.