From the Monday, October 19, 2009 edition of the Kankakee Journal:

Vernon Dean Van Gilder, 55, of Buckingham, died Saturday (Oct. 17, 2009) at his home. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. Cremation rites will be accorded. Inurnment will be in St. James the Apostle Cemetery, Irwin. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. Mr. Van Gilder worked as a mechanic at Diageo in Plainfield. He was born July 26, 1954, in Kankakee, the son of Earl and Mabel Curwick Van Gilder. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving from 1972-1975. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, fishing and camping. Surviving are his wife, the former Debra White, whom he married June 22, 1974; two sons and daughters-in-law, Adam and Julie Van Gilder, Michael and April Van Gilder, all of Buckingham; eight grandchildren; his mother of Kankakee; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Joyce and Dan Benjamin of Kankakee, Bonnie and Jack Kohl of Manteno, Bonita and Glenn Morton of Kankakee; five brothers and sisters-in-law, Everett and Margaret Van Gilder of Buckingham, Fred and Marsha Van Gilder of Bradley, Earl and Tammy Van Gilder of Kirksville, Mo., Raymond and Sharon Van Gilder of Bonfield, Kevin and Michelle Van Gilder of Bradley; and his mother-in-law, Rosemary White of Kankakee. Deceased are his father; one brother, Roger; and his father-in-law, Don White. Please sign his guestbook at clancygernon.com. (Pd.)