



## Burrel James Reynolds

July 17, 1921 - May 14, 2014

Burrel J. "BJ" Reynolds age 92, of Dixon, died Wednesday May 14, 2014 at Delnor Hospital in Geneva, IL. He was born July 17, 1921 in Dixon the son of Robert and Susan (Knifer) Reynolds.

He served in the US Navy from 1940-1946. He was captured at the fall of Corrigedor and became a Japanese P.O.W. for 3 years and 4 months - as a slave laborer in the fields at Cabanatuan, Phillipines; in a copper mine at Hitachi, Japan; and digging a tunnel for a hydroelectric plant in Mitsushima, Japan. He was located at each of the camps for approximately one year. He was transported from the Phillipines to Japan in an infamous "Hell Ship". After the war he returned to Dixon and married Kathleen Mantsch in Rockford Illinois, March 9, 1948, who preceded him in death September 12, 2002. They were married 54 years.

B.J. spent his adult life as an independent contractor in many homes and businesses in Dixon.

B.J. was a long-time member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon, the American Defenders of Bataan & Corrigedor, the American Legion, Dixon Garden Club, and Kiwanis. He was truly a hero and remarkable man who touched many with his great compassion, strong faith, and good humor.

He is survived by one daughter Lyn (Bob) Turnbull of St. Charles; 2 grandchildren Paul (Megan) Turnbull and Ann (Tom) Hufford; 3 great-grandchildren Liam, Lucy, and Nora; 1 sister Anna Gerdes of Dixon.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, May 16, 2014 at 11:00 AM in

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon with the Rev. Bernard Sehr officiating. Burial will follow with Military Honors by the Combined Veterans Group in Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Visitation will be held on Friday from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM in the church. A memorial has been established to Kiwanis Golden K.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave  
Dixon, IL 61021

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 16.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon  
612 S. Highland Ave.  
Dixon, IL 61021  
(815) 284-7719  
[office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net](mailto:office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net)  
<http://www.stpatrickdixon.org>

## Service

**MAY 16.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Burrel James Reynolds*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Burrel James Reynolds*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *BJ refinished the floors in my home and that of my mother's many years ago. He was always cheerful and so kind to be around. He was the master in his craft and his beautiful work remains all these years later. My sincere sympathy to your family for the loss of this very kind man.*

**Debbie Deets** - May 15, 2014 at 01:02 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of this great man. He survived "Hell" with my father and both lived great lives raising wonderful families. His forever smile and laugh will be remembered and missed.*

*Jeff, Deb, Joseph and Adam Kopacz*

**Jeff Kopacz** - May 15, 2014 at 07:43 AM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Burrel James Reynolds.*



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May 14, 2014 at 08:55 PM