



## Carl R. Tappan

January 7, 1933 - July 4, 2013

Carl R. Tappan, 80, of Aurora, passed away Thursday, July 4, 2013 at The Tillers Nursing Home. He was born January 7, 1933 in Aurora, Illinois.

Carl married Mary Jane Pierce on November 29, 1952 in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Aurora. Carl was employed as a crew dispatcher by the Burlington Northern Railroad for 39 years, retiring in 1994. He loved tinkering and fixing things and was the "handyman" to all of his children. He loved spending time with his family, playing Texas Holdem at the weekly family dinners, and celebrating birthdays and every holiday. Carl and Mary enjoyed bowling together in their early years. Carl was an exceptional bowler, earning him the nickname "Captain Crunch". He loved fishing with his brother and making beer battered fish for the family. He enjoyed working at the railroad with his brother for many years, and will be dearly missed by his seven children.

Carl is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Mary Jane (Pierce) Tappan; two sons, Carl (Diane Meyer) Tappan of Montgomery and Curtiss Tappan of Aurora; five daughters: Carla Seaton of Aurora, Carole Stephenson of Aurora, Caren (Stephen) Reilly of Oswego, Cynthia (Dennis) O'Boyle of Aurora and Christine (Steve) Miller of Oswego; nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Carl Bernard Tappan in 1945; his

mother, Barbara (Hoffman) Kuehl in 2000; his brother, Robert Albert Tappan in 1988; and his son-in-law, William Glenn Seaton in 2012.

Funeral services will be held Monday, July 8, 2013 from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY at 9:00 AM to St. Joseph Church at 9:30 AM. Fr. Jerome Leake will officiate with interment at St. Joseph Cemetery. Visitation will be held Sunday, July 7, 2013 from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM, with a Liturgical Wake Service at 5:30 PM, at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora. 630-631-5500. Please visit our interactive website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com) to leave condolences for Carl's family or sign the guest book.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Carl's name may be made to Alzheimer's research.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

Corner of Rt. 25 and Indian Trail Road.  
Aurora, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 7. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary  
220 N. Lake Street  
Aurora, IL 60506  
(630) 631-5500  
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com  
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

## Funeral Mass

JUL 8. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Church  
722 High Street  
Aurora, IL 60505  
1-630-844-7380

# Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Carl R. Tappan



Daleiden Mortuary - July 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Bill Kindelberger purchased the Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy for the family of Carl R. Tappan.



Bill Kindelberger - July 04, 2013 at 01:12 PM

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“ Carl was one of the best men I've ever known. Growing up near the Tappans, they became my second home, my second family. Carl was strict with us kids, his and the neighborhood's, but he was also funny and generous and kind. He was a role model for me, he taught me many, many things, but mostly he taught me what it was to be a good man, a man with quiet dignity, and how to be a decent human being. The world, and I, will miss him very much. God Bless you, Carl, and God bless the Tappans. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Bill Kindelberger

Bill Kindelberger - July 04, 2013 at 01:08 PM



*Thank you so much for that Bill. I remember as a kid my dad talking about you a lot, I am the second oldest of Curt's Kids. My grandpa was a very special man that will be deeply missed. Thank you for sharing your thoughts of my Grandpa!*

*Elizabeth Tappan*

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**Liz Tappan** - July 06, 2013 at 08:18 PM