



## Bernita Rose Caron

December 7, 1929 - April 6, 2020

Bernita Rose Caron, 90, formerly of Manteno, died Monday April 6 at Momence Meadows Long Term Care Facility.

A service for immediate family only was held Good Friday, April 10, 2020. Burial was in the St. Joseph Church cemetery. Rev. Daniel Belanger officiated.

She was born in Omaha, Illinois, the daughter of George and Alene Bowers. She married Robert P. Caron on July 5, 1947, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno, Illinois. He preceded her in death Nov. 2, 1973.

She is survived by 3 sons; Steven (Debbie) Caron of Bollingbrook, Illinois, Alan (Charlotte) Caron of Port Orchard, Washington, Vincent Matthew Caron of Momence, Illinois, and a daughter, Marianne Caron, of Watseka, Illinois. She had 6 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, and one great great grandson, Oliver Caron. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews whom she dearly loved.

She was preceded in death by a son, Brian J. Caron, who was killed by a drunk driver Dec. 21, 1981. She became a tireless political activist against drunk driving. She was a founding member of AAIM (Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists), In 1992 she was recognized by AAIM with an achievement award for her years of dedication to traffic safety.

Her husband was a member of the legendary 10th Mountain Division, and served in Italy in the Riva Ridge offensive. He was also a veteran of the Korean Conflict. Bernita was an associate member of the 10th Mountain Division. She proudly flew both the U.S. flag and the 10th Mountain Division flag every day at her Manteno home.

She was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Hal Bowers and Billy Joe Bowers, and 3 sisters, Mrs. Lucille (Wendell) Marr, Mrs. Dean (Bill) Magruder, and Mrs. Grace (Tom) Crombar. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Deanna (Jerry) Kemnitz.

Mrs. Caron was a homemaker. After her husband's death, she was employed by Illinois DHS in Kankakee. She suffered a brain aneurysm in 1977 and had surgery at Loyola Hospital in Maywood, Illinois. She was a wonderful example of resilience and devotion to her family.

Memorials made be made to the victim's assistance fund of AAIM (870 Higgins Rd, Suite 131, Schaumburg, Illinois 60173 or <http://www.aim1.org>) . Memorials may also be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

# Cemetery

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## **St. Joseph Cemetery**

9000 E. Road

Manteno, IL, 60950

# Comments

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“ Marianne,  
I was so sorry to hear about your mom's passing.  
Any time is a bad time to lose a mother but with this virus and limited contact it feels even worse.  
Please know that I often think about you.  
Carleen.

**Carleen Sloan** - April 12, 2020 at 10:27 PM

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“ Dave and I are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you as you have her funeral without friends and family being able to come and comfort you. God bless all of you as you mourn her loss. Dave and Anita Boomgarden

**Anita Boomgarden** - April 11, 2020 at 08:34 AM

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“ Nancy Shear lit a candle in memory of Bernita Rose Caron



**Nancy Shear** - April 09, 2020 at 02:51 PM

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“ Christine Shottler And Family lit a candle in memory of Bernita Rose Caron



**christine shottler and family** - April 09, 2020 at 01:34 AM

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“ Marianne,  
We had a wonderful time growing up together in Manteno. We rode bikes, walked, fished, built a tree house and your mom always made me feel comfortable when I visited in your at your parents house. I know you will miss your mom. I pray the Lord will comfort you and your brothers at this time.  
Mary (McGraw) Waser

**Mary (McGraw) Waser** - April 08, 2020 at 04:47 PM



“ I remember the first time I heard my mother laughing and having a great time; it when she was with Bernita and her other sisters. I don't think I've seen any other people enjoy each other's company so much.

**Ken Marr** - April 09, 2020 at 03:40 PM

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“ Joelene Hays lit a candle in memory of Bernita Rose Caron



**Joelene Hays** - April 08, 2020 at 03:44 PM