



Aileen F. Jellema

September 7, 1928 - July 15, 2021

Aileen F. Jellema, age 92, of Kankakee passed away Thursday, July 15, 2021 at Citadel of Kankakee. She was born September 7, 1928 in Chicago, the daughter of Henning & Fern (Vaughan) Carlson. Aileen married John O. "Jack" Jellema on June 19, 1959. He preceded her in death in August 1971. Aileen was a Registered Nurse at the University of Chicago Hospital. She enjoyed the outdoors, especially water sports, including water skiing and especially white-water rafting. Aileen made many friendships while camping and traveling.

Surviving are one daughter and two sons-in-law, Marilyn & Herb Hunn of Coloma, MI and Jeff Simpson of Pleasanton, CA; three grandchildren, Matt (Kristina) Simpson, Jay (Angela) Hunn, and Janelle (Nathan) Rieder; nine great-grandchildren, Kailee, Liliana, Michael, Belle, Collin, Aubrey, Tatum, Nate, and Lexie; one great-great-granddaughter, Luna; one sister, Carla Johannsen of Waterloo, IA; and many special friends. In addition to her husband, John Jellema, Aileen is preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Lynette; one son, James; and one brother, Robert.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of procession to the cemetery at 12:00 noon on Thursday, July 22, 2021 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Graveside services will be held at Aroma Park Cemetery with the Rev. Nathan Klein officiating.

Memorials may be made to St. Stephen Lutheran Church 14700 Kildare Midlothian, IL 60445.

Cemetery Details

Aroma Park Cemetery

2585 S. Sandbar Rd
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-8638

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Aileen was fun, sweet, thoughtful, kind and full of life. She was always a welcome visitor at our home. My parents, Henry and Bess Exoo, loved her and so did all of the children (Henry, Patti, Alan, Fred, Margi, and Gay.) She was a blessing in our lives,

Patti Exoo Swets - July 21, 2021 at 03:01 PM

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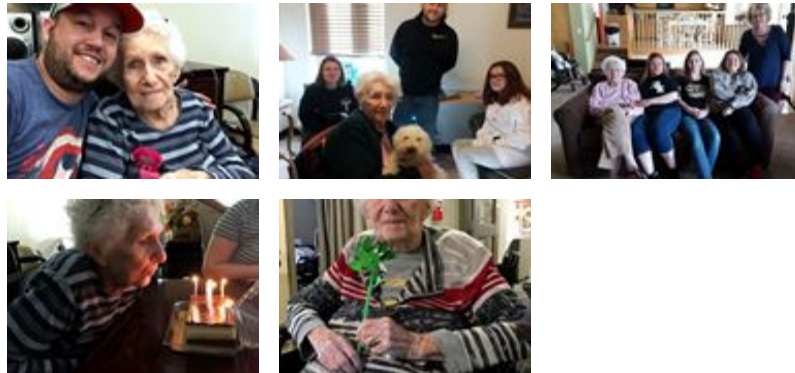
“ Sr.Martha Harrington lite a candle in memory of Aileen F.Jellema.



Sr. Martha Harrington,sscm - July 20, 2021 at 02:40 PM



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Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - July 20, 2021 at 11:44 AM

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“ *Monica Rocha lit a candle in memory of Aileen F. Jellema*



Monica Rocha - July 20, 2021 at 11:23 AM

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“ *When I first met Uncle Jack's new girlfriend, Aileen, she was so beautiful! She wore impossibly high heels. My sister and I privately wondered how such skinny heels could hold up a person! She was so kind and loving, we enjoyed her company. She could tell us stories too, about her work at the hospital and the lives she touched. So honored to have known her.*

Nella Peterman Hauser - July 17, 2021 at 06:11 PM

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When I met Aileen 21 years ago I was so nervous as she was coming for dinner. After work I went to my favorite butcher and picked up a rack of lamb. Thrilled to serve this treat. Smiling and happy she came into my home. I then told her we were having lamb. She nicely said she did nit care for lamb. We made do. She became a sweet and loving friend of mine. I will miss her so much. It was lovely to have known Aileen. One of my favorite people. ❤️🦋🙏

Tami Rosell - July 22, 2021 at 12:23 PM