



Alice M. Bartruff

May 12, 1940 - February 21, 2019

Alice M. Bartruff, 78, of Kankakee, passed away on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at Miller Center in Kankakee. She was born on May 12, 1940 in Aroma Park, the daughter of Harold Heath and Virginia Heath Bennett.

Alice was employed by the US Postal Service for 28 years. Her final 18 years she was postmaster in Essex, IL. She thoroughly enjoyed the customers she served, becoming close friends with many.

She was very involved in the PTO while her children were in school. During her tenure in the PTO at Aroma Park Elementary, she was the artistic driving force behind the grade school play. She drew the entire background which was displayed on the stage for years after.

She was a very proud, patriotic person. She helped with the petition to allow 18 year olds to vote.

Alice's favorite early childhood memories were spent in Plainfield, IL. Later, moving to St. Anne where she spent most of her years, calling St. Anne home. She loved her home on Hieland Road where she lived for 45 years.

She enjoyed the simple things in life. Morning coffee, long conversations, and many laughs were had with good friends. Hosting family holidays was

something she looked forward to each year, always making beautiful memories for her family.

She was a people person. She loved everyone, and everyone she met loved her. She always felt fortunate to be blessed with many special friends.

Her greatest love was her family. She was most proud of her children and grandchildren. She was always there with a hug and an "I love you". She will be in our hearts always, and we cannot express how much she will be missed.

We would like to thank all of the caregivers at Miller Center and Kankakee Valley Hospice for their wonderful care and compassion.

Alice is survived by three daughters, Traci and Rob Wood, of Crystal Lake, Kathy and Joel Burke, of Tomahawk, WI, and Kim and Todd Hubert, of Kankakee; seven grandchildren, Peyton Wood, Jack Wood, Tyler (Melissa) Burke, Bryan Burke, Alyson (Lance) Findlay, Emily Hubert, and Luke Hubert; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Ann Reilly and Fran Reeves; and two brothers, Butch Heath and Chuck Heath.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm on Friday, March 1, 2019 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. An additional visitation will be held from 10:00 am until the time of the 11:00 am funeral service on Saturday, March 2, 2019 also at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Pastor Dane Mathews will officiate. Cremation rites will be accorded following the service.

Memorials may be made to Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

MAR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAR 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BC

“ My sympathies go to you girls and your families. Your mom and I always had a feeling when we were thinking of each other, then one of us would pick up the phone and call. I had that feeling last week when she passed away.

An incident we laughed about for years was when your mother brought you over to swim. I was standing on the edge of the pool vacuuming so we could swim. Your mother promptly walked over to greet me and pushed me in, clothes and all.

We laughed about it for years.

Even though we hadn't seen each other for years she has always been a friend I will never forget,

Sincerely

Barbara Curry

Barbara Curry - March 02, 2019 at 10:36 AM

KH

Barb,

Thank you for those memories. We do remember how she would say you two had keen intuition and often would that. :)

A special bond of friendship for sure! She always held you all close to her heart. Thank you for your kind, words. You sharing the memories means so much. Memories are gifts we cherish always but especially now of course.

Kim, Traci & Kathy

Kim Hubert - June 19, 2019 at 02:42 PM

LD

“ I spent many days and nights at the Bartruff family table sharing hot coffee and conversation with Alice and the rest of her family. She was always kind and loving, caring for everyone else before herself. I will cherish every moment I shared with this GEM of a woman and count myself very fortunate to have had her in my life for the years I did. I just wish I had had ONE more visit. 😞 I love you Alice... you will be terribly missed 💔 Until I see you again ❤️



Lisa Fiore Drury - March 01, 2019 at 09:44 PM

KH

Thanks Lisa....she loved you too.

Kim Hubert - June 19, 2019 at 02:44 PM

DK

“ Sorry for your loss.

Dave and Tanya Kellogg



Dave and Tanya Kellogg - March 01, 2019 at 05:21 PM

DB

“ Traci ... so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom. We send our deepest sympathy to you and you family.

Don & Tonya Baumann

Don Baumann - March 01, 2019 at 03:29 PM

CD

“ *Peace to all.* ”



Carolyn Davis - February 28, 2019 at 10:51 AM

SP

“ *Stephanie Perry lit a candle in memory of Alice M. Bartruff* ”



Stephanie Perry - February 27, 2019 at 03:43 PM

SP

Alice had a beautiful spirit and will be missed

Stephanie Perry - February 27, 2019 at 03:52 PM



“ *103 files added to the album LifeTributes* ”



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - February 27, 2019 at 03:13 PM

LC

“ Alice was a great woman she worked with my mom Ronerta Barnhart at the Aroma park post office



Laura cook - February 27, 2019 at 12:56 PM

TM

“ Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Alice M. Bartruff



Tom Mallaney - February 27, 2019 at 11:47 AM

LS

“ Lisa S. lit a candle in memory of Alice M. Bartruff



Lisa S. - February 27, 2019 at 11:30 AM

MC

“ Sweet, sweet Alice. I always enjoyed our visits at Miller Center. She was so kind. I miss her a lot. Sending hugs and prayers to her family.

Mary Clark - February 27, 2019 at 10:34 AM

GP

“ I am fortunate to say I took care of Alice and met some of her family in the process. She was always appreciative of the time we shared together, and I especially will miss her smile and sense of humor. I will miss being able to visit with her and truly Hope she is resting in peace.

Georgia Papineau - February 27, 2019 at 03:03 AM

MW

“ I am going to miss Alice and our conversations dearly. She always had a smile on her face no matter what life threw at her. She always made it a point to ask about my girls. It was an honor to take care of her. Prayers to all of the family for peace and healing.

Melissa Weaver - February 26, 2019 at 09:58 PM

TA

“ Tom & Judy Andersen lit a candle in memory of Alice M. Bartruff



Tom & Judy Andersen - February 26, 2019 at 09:47 PM

TA

Kim & Family,
Our deepest sympathy to all of you.

Tom & Judy Andersen - February 26, 2019 at 09:51 PM

LL

“ Oh how I remember the joy in plotting a surprise picture and letters to her girls for Christmas. The picture had to be in front of the tree and then she shared memories to put in the special letters to go with the photos. I will forever think of her and her family memories when I hear Andy Williams! She tickled me so when I brought the gifts and we wrapped them and "hid" them...with child-like glee she told me to "hide them behind the door because no one will look there!" Thanks for the memories dear Alice, for touching my life and heart. Love,
Loretta LaBrec



Loretta LaBrec - February 26, 2019 at 09:47 PM

LP

“ I will miss my Aunt Alice so much. I loved her dearly, and always felt loved by her. Her smile is embedded in my mind forever. ❤️❤️❤️

linda peek - February 26, 2019 at 09:32 PM



“ Alice was a lovely lady and I felt privileged to have spent time with her as her Hospice Volunteer. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sharon Patrevito - February 26, 2019 at 07:18 PM

TW

Thank you, Sharon, for your kind words. She would always enjoy your time together, letting us know you had been there.
Alice's daughters,
Traci, Kathy, & Kim

Traci Wood - February 26, 2019 at 08:38 PM

CG

Your Mom sounded like a wonderful, kind, loving woman...no wonder you are who you are! Our sympathy to you all. Todd and Christine Goll

Christine Goll - February 26, 2019 at 09:19 PM

TW

Thank you, Christine!

Traci Wood - March 03, 2019 at 01:39 AM