



Anita Louise Crowell

April 9, 1939 - July 16, 2025

Anita Louise Crowell, age 86, of Kankakee passed away Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. She was born April 9, 1939 in Kankakee, the daughter of Oscar & Josephine (Jarding) Hebert.

Anita worked at GNB Technology for 27 years.

She was of the Catholic faith.

Surviving are one brother, Randall (Judy) Hebert of Dallas, GA; several nieces and nephews; and special friend, Karen Giagnoni. Anita is preceded in death by her parents; one son, Kenneth Gravelle; one sister, Barbara Kieselowsky; and special friends, Margaret Meents and Margaret Boisvert.

Visitation will be held from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, July 20, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Cremation rites will be accorded following the visitation. Inurnment will be held at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to River Valley Animal Rescue.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **20**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 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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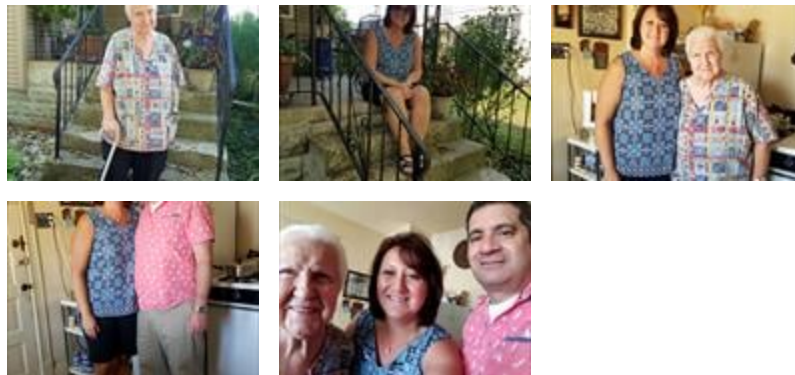
“ *Maria A. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Anita Louise Crowell.*



Maria A. - July 23, 2025 at 04:45 PM

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Deborah Lamola (nee Kieselowsky) - July 18, 2025 at 08:13 AM

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Deborah Lamola (nee Kieselowsky) - July 18, 2025 at 08:01 AM

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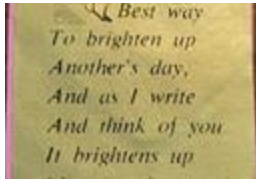
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Deborah Lamola (nee Kieselowsky) - July 18, 2025 at 07:54 AM

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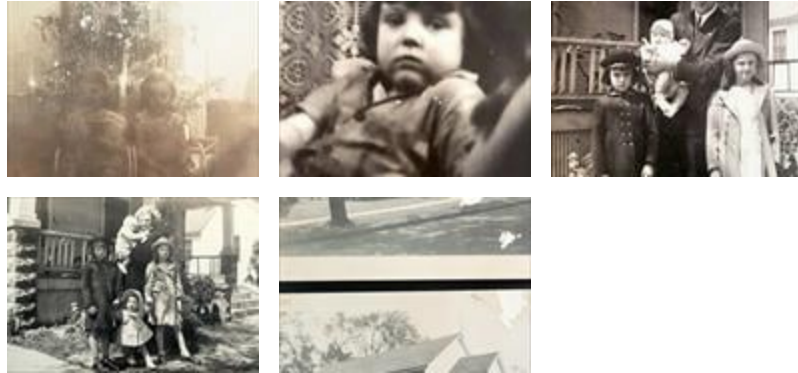
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Deborah Lamola (nee Kieselowsky) - July 18, 2025 at 02:43 AM

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“ Remembering my dear Aunt Anita. She and my Mom were very close in age, so many of the photos I am sharing in coming days naturally include both of them. I loved their doll and pet photos and many others as children in their childhood homes, together with their parents and loving cousins. They were in the Civil Air Patrol together, each got married early in life and raised their children.

Aunt Anita loved history, took great pride in her hometown of Kankakee, and all it had to offer. (She boasted of being born on the same street where her life culminated.) She loved to peruse all of the old local history books. I would not be doing her justice if I didnt share some of our memories of taking a walk in Bird Park, visiting the old homestead on May Avenue, trips to Dairy Queen, the Kankakee Museum, Carlos' for pork tenderloin sandwiches, and visiting the Kankakee train depot to which she donated a trunk her father used when working in the CCC Camps long ago.

She also took pride in having heritage with the Potawatomie Indians through her father's family. We would stop and visit the local stone landmark at the Kankakee Courthouse.

As a child, I would travel with my family on the long road trips to Kankakee every other summer until I grew older, started working, and the visits became less frequent. But what I especially loved about her then was her joy of journaling and correspondence. Writing letters back and forth was fun. We would save up and send each other cartoons or anecdotes, photos, inspiring quotes - all of which brought joy to us both. In this age of emails and texts, that writing has become an art form. I will miss that but I have many to reopen and enjoy always.

Aunt Anita and I also share a love of animals, both having pets throughout our lives. She would even pray with them. They were her joy especially later in life.

Aunt Anita lived a full life raising a son, working very hard, enjoying

life, and ultimately caring for her ill family members. No one knows how their lives will end. She struggled at the very end but she was ready, prayed for, and was at peace to go home to our Lord's loving arms. She is at glorious rest!

Love you. Aunt Anita. You know that. And, I know you are ecstatic to get back together with Mom, Aunt Aud, Uncle Bud, Uncle Nick (the Musketeers) and the rest. I am so grateful that you had the chance to meet my husband, Mario, in our earlier days. Rest well until we all meet again. Xo 🙏❤️🐾🐕🐶🐾🐾



Deborah Lamola (nee Kieselowsky) - July 18, 2025 at 02:31 AM

MA

I am so sorry for your loss. Your aunt was an amazing lady. I met her through working at the bank, and she quickly became a good friend. I would call and check in with her quite often and when I heard she was not doing well we spoke a couple times and after that I was unable to reach her. I would have loved to attend her visitation, but I did not know she passed. My deepest sympathies to your family. -Maria Andrade

Maria Andrade - July 23, 2025 at 04:25 PM

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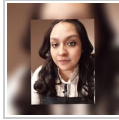
Thank you Maria. She talked about how much you helped her out with her banking. Deepest thanks from her Brother Randy :)

Randy Hebert - July 24, 2025 at 06:14 PM

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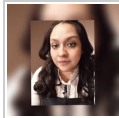
Thank you for your kind words, Maria, and especially for reaching out to check in on her. I am grateful she had caring friends like you in her life, and hope the same for you always. Thank you so much!

Deborah Kieselowsky Lamola - July 26, 2025 at 12:41 PM



Thank God we knew you, you were a very special person Anita, my daughter loved you a lot, they saw you like a Gramma for more than 5 years, we will remember you always when we look back at your house and not see you anymore, we thank God we heard your voice through the phone. You said you miss us, but we will miss you more, my condolences for your brother Randy.

Maru Lopez - July 27, 2025 at 04:36 PM



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Love this, and that the girls had a special extra 'Gramma' figure as a neighbor. I am sure my Aunt Anita enjoyed that too. Thank you for your kind words. Remember her always. 🙏🙏

Deborah Kieselowsky Lamola - August 01, 2025 at 10:00 AM