



Anna R. Gifford

August 10, 1920 - February 28, 2014

Anna R. Gifford, 93, of Bradley, passed away Friday (Feb. 28, 2014) at her home. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bradley, where she was a member. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Kankakee. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or to St. Joseph School in Bradley.

Mrs. Gifford was a custodian at Bradley High School for 30 years, retiring in 1986. She was born Aug. 10, 1920, in Bradley, the daughter of Charles and Anna Jamnik Ponikvar. Her husband, Chester D. Gifford, whom she married Nov. 26, 1937, in Kentland, Ind., passed away April 19, 1963. She was a former member of the Daughters of Isabella at St. Joseph Catholic Church. She enjoyed crocheting and reading. She was the best baker in the world. She enjoyed being with her family and loved her "grands."

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Anna Gifford, of Bourbonnais; three daughters and one son-in-law, Margie Burch, of Bourbonnais, Linda Bellmore, of Phoenix, Ariz., and Debbie and Larry Null, of St. Anne; nine grandchildren, Becke (Mike) Boudreau, Betsy (Tim) Wilken, Rodney (Cindy) Burch, Laura (Brad) Weddington, Angela (Nathan) Pauli, Trisha (Lupe) Gaytan, Michael Lovell, Maria (Nathaniel) Rood and Philip Gifford; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Dennis Gifford; grandson, Tommy Lovell; son-in-law, Jim Burch; sister, Molly Dressler; and five brothers, Charles, Albert, Louis, Willie and Ray Ponikvar.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley - hkvcares.org; or St. Joseph Grade School - www.stjosephschoolbradley.org/

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

MAR 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
211 N. Center Street
Bradley, IL 60915
(815) 939-3573
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Janet (Blair) Blake lit a candle in memory of Anna R. Gifford*



Janet (Blair) Blake - March 06, 2014 at 05:18 PM

JB

Deepest sympathy for the loss of your Mother.

Janet (Blair) Blake - March 06, 2014 at 05:22 PM

KK

“ *Sorry we are not able to travel today. I always remember Annie making Potica bread.*
Love Kevin and Monica Kowaleski

Kevin Kowaleski - March 06, 2014 at 08:19 AM

KW

“ *Remembering a kind, loving warm woman, who along with her daughter Linda added some of the more precious childhood memories to my life. The Gifford family was one of the best and Anne held a special place. When I think of her, I remember her laugh, her warmth, her patience and her smile. My deep caring to Anne's family. She touched my heart more than once, as she did many.*



Kay Wilder - March 06, 2014 at 07:01 AM

MB

“ So many childhood memories for me, our sympathy to the family.

JoDee and Marybeth Benoit



Marybeth Benoit - March 05, 2014 at 08:41 PM

AS

“ You always had a good thing to say about everyone. We had some good conversations. You will be sadly missed, Al Smith



Al Smith - March 04, 2014 at 02:46 PM

AS

“ Al Smith lit a candle in memory of Anna R. Gifford



Al Smith - March 04, 2014 at 02:40 PM

CF

“ I fondly remember Anna helping at the funeral dinners at St. Joe's. You have my sympathy at this difficult time.

Carol Fritz - March 04, 2014 at 11:29 AM

CM

“ *Cathie Miedema lit a candle in memory of Anna R. Gifford*



Cathie Miedema - March 03, 2014 at 12:52 PM

CM

Sorry I cannot attend services. Think of Anna when I used to see her walking in the early, early morning hours & opening up St. Joe's for years. Thoughts & prayers to her family.

Cathie Miedema - March 03, 2014 at 12:54 PM