



Arletta Menard

July 17, 1928 - August 17, 2008

Arletta Menard -- Bourbonnais Visitation for Arletta M. Menard, 80, of Bourbonnais and longtime Kankakee resident, will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Clancy-Gernon-Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Kankakee. Father Charles Wheeler will officiate. Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. She died Sunday (Aug. 17, 2008) at her home. Mrs. Menard was an LPN at St. Mary's Hospital and Bourbonnais Terrace. She was born July 17, 1928, in Salina Township, the daughter of David and Myrtle Bastien Jones. Her husband, Paul L. Menard, whom she married Oct. 17, 1948, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, in Kankakee, died Jan. 8, 1996. She was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, where she sang in the choir and helped direct the RICA program. She enjoyed crocheting, cooking, gardening, traveling, reading, music and theater. Surviving are eight sons and seven daughters-in-law, Jamie and Joanie Menard of Crawfordsville, Ind., Michael and Linda Menard of Doylestown, Pa., David and Suzanne Menard of Limestone, Timothy Menard of Kankakee, Bill Menard of Bourbonnais, Patrick and Rosa Menard of Bourbonnais, Warren and Lori Menard of Lafayette, Ind., Mark and Gina Menard of Lees Summit, Mo., Diane Menard of Doylestown; four daughters and sons-in-law, Polly and Donald Lovasz of West Des Moines, Iowa, Mary and Michael Kohl of Grant Park, Maria and Michael Dempsey of Strausburg, Pa., Ellen and Ron Wetterling of Libertyville; 43 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; and two sisters and brothers in law Rosemary and Bill Barton, Poway, CA and Darlene and Michael Novack of Hobe Sound, FL; and two brothers and one sister-in-law, David Jones of Downers Grove, Jerry and Claudia Jones of The Villages, Fla. Deceased are two sons, Allen and Adam; one brother, Donald Jones, and two sisters, Frances Januski and Patricia Ronek.

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“ Dear Family of Arletta,

Please accept my sympathy at the loss of such an exceptional woman, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and all the other appropriate titles she might go by.

Arletta attracted my interest decades ago, when I found out about the extraordinary woman who lived in the big house with the Menard Boys Home flag flying out front. I really thought that the flag/banner indicated a facility for Boys and thought that it must have been a good home for boys because it had so many flowers and cheerful elements of a welcoming decorative type on display.

At a community nursing home, I met "Arletta the nurse". I was struck by her personality, her caring and patience with the residents. She could be counted on to look into a request for attention to the stroke victim that we visited regularly at the home, when other staff were often lax in appropriate response. We attributed Arletta's going the extra mile and i¿½sensitivity to her character and great heart.

I shall remember Arletta as a woman of Faith, for the way she epitomised Motherhood, for her stylish look and attention to dressing well in public, and for the qualities that distinguished her. Her smile and conversational style will long remain in my memory.

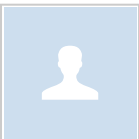
May you live with rich memories and celebrate Arletta in your own ways as she would celebrate you and no doubt does in her new "translation" as a successful entrant into Heaven.

Respectfully,

Elmira

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“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I was blessed that the last time I was in Kankakee I got to speak with Arletta at St. Rose and give her a big hug. I have always admired Arletta for the precious care she took of her family, and how she did it out of so much love. I am sure she will continue to watch over all of you from heaven. May your mom rest in peace.##imported-begin##Lori Turro##imported-end##

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“ To Billy and his family, my family offers their deepest sympathies at this time, your mother was wonderful woman who was always admired and loved. i½May her soul finally rest in peace and she be surrounded by the ones she loves. i½God bless you and your family. i½Your friend always, Miki##imported-begin##Miki O'Connor Cole##imported-end##

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“ What a Wonderful, Wonderful Woman. To all of us growing up, she wasn't Mrs. Menard but "Mom Menard". That's the way we will always remember her. And like a Mom, she helped shape our lives as each year passed. Yes, she even disciplined us along the way! The infamous "Boys Town" was a regular hangout for all of us to visit; from grade school, Jr. High, High School, College and beyond. Till this day, we still toot the car horn twice as we pass by that big red house on Washington Street. Many joyous memories to reflect on. That last few years we REALLY had a chance to visit & talk often. And every time I stopped thru K3, I always visited Allen and Adam and then drive over to see "Mom". I will always Smile from my heart whenever we speak of her...she was truly an Angel, a Saint....a Perfect Mom. Anyone who ever came in contact with her will agree with me. Look out Mother Theresa, you have got some stiff competition. God Bless you Mom Menard...I feel you, Paul, Allen & Adam shining down on all of us. We know you are all together, all at Peace. Love, Beaumont & The Boyz##imported-begin##Hugh Janda##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother and grandmother. i½i½She was a lovely, lovely lady. i½God Bless all of you.##imported-begin##michelle jaeger-lavine##imported-end##

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“ My Thoughts and prayer are will you all. May god bless you and keep you##imported-begin##Chris Heiss##imported-end##

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“ The Westview High School Class of 1975 would like to extend our sincere sympathy to Tim and the family. May God bless you and keep you close in this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Westview High School Class of 1975##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my deepest sympathy at the loss of your mom. My prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Lynn Panici##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have so many great memories of being around your mom and the rest of the family. Polly, I think of you often and hope you, Don, and your children are doing well. ĩ½I miss the great sleep-overs at your home. ĩ½Your mother was always in the midst of the laughter. She was such a great mom who was so actively involved in all her childrens lives. ĩ½Hope we can get back in touch Polly. ĩ½I think of you so often. ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½Love,
Cindy##imported-begin##Cindy Gallagher Gerald##imported-end##

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“ Aunt Arletta

I'm sure that Uncle Paul, Allen, Adam

and Madonna & Sam Mantucca, have welcomed you with open arms and are riding on Uncle Paul's boat.

You'll be missed so much by family and friends. ĩ½You were one amazing woman

that I always admired. ĩ½When we were

younger we use to love to drive down to Kankakee and visit. ĩ½Your house was always opened to us - even though you

had all those children, you always found

time to feed us too. My daughters, Jennifer and Jessica always talked about

you and Uncle Paul and how they will miss you.

To your children - may you find some comfort knowing that your mom is at peace and now with your dad and brothers.

Love

Sue, Bob, Jennifer & Jessica Wawrzyniak

##imported-begin##Susan Wawrzyniak (Mantucca)##imported-end##

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“ My sincerest sympathy to you all on the passing of your Mom. ĩ½My thoughts and prayers are with you##imported-begin##Peggy Streeter##imported-end##

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“ I am deeply sorry at the loss of your Mother and Grand Mother. It was an honor to work with all of you as you lovingly cared for her. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. I'm sure that Arletta is in a much more beautiful place, enjoying the company of those who went before her!###imported-begin###Diann Scott###imported-end##

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“ As the matron of the Menard family Mom Menard will always be remembered in a loving way. She always treated me with great respect especially during the separation and divorce from her son and the family. She respected the bond we would always have through my daughters, her granddaughters, and NEVER shared an unkind word, always welcoming me into her home. The level of care and respect that she shared with so many in her lifetime is a legacy in itself.

God Speed Mom. Your entry into heaven was surely made without question by the Lord for whom you served so many years.

Thank you for remaining a part of my life and for providing my children with many attributes that will undoubtedly prove very useful in their futures.###imported-begin###Teri Costanza Menard###imported-end##

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“ Dear Menard Family,

May I offer my sincere condolences in the passing of Arletta. Your family was always known as big and tight. I admired your family's ability to love and support each other. May you all come together in joyful memory of Mom.

Dan Micha###imported-begin###Dan Micha###imported-end##

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“ How saddened I am to hear of your loss, your mother was one in a million and know that she will be missed.

My late husband so admired your mother and had a very special place in his heart for all of the Menards. Your mother was a hard worker and a woman that loved her family endlessly.

It was my honor to have known her and I know that God will get you through this very trying time. ĩ½My love to all of you, you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Diane Siaroff###imported-begin##Diane Siaroff###imported-end##

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“ All of my love, thoughts and prayers to the Menard family at this sad time. As a youngster growing up, I was the beneficiary of many of Mrs. Menards talents, efforts and energies. At one time or another, she was my den mother, choir director, Azzarelli Colt booster and neighborhood ally to name a few. God Bless You Mrs. Menard and peace to you and your entire family.

David Africano###imported-begin##David Africano###imported-end##

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“ My heartfelft thoughts and prayers are with you all with the loss of such a remarkable woman, your Mom. I visited K3 many times as Tim's guest and your Mom always made me feel like a part of the family. Tim's friendship, and those of all the Menards, is gift from your Mom that I have always cherished. Her giving continues through each one of you.###imported-begin##Kevin "Tag" Tagliaferri###imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your wonderful Mother. She was always so kind. I know my sister Cindy spent many hours at your home with Polly during our years at Westview. ĩ½Our thoughts and prayers are with you. With our love,

 ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½The Gallagher family

John, Cindy, Shelley and David###imported-begin##Shelley Gallagher Jackson###imported-end##

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“ Mark and Gena, we send our love to you, your children and all Arletta's family. Elaine always tells us about the remarkable person that Arletta was to everyone. We will be especially in prayer for all of you.

Yours in Christ's love,
Alex and Dorothy
"For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations."
Ps. 110:5
Alex and Dorothy Nigro

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with each of you as you experience this loss of such a lovely mother. Your wonderful memories will remain with you forever. Remember that others care.
God Bless,
Beulah
Beulah Pennell

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“ I'm deeply sorry that you lost your dear mother. I know how close you were to her. My sympathy to you and your family.
Dan Guenette

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“ Our sincere sympathy to the Menard family at this very sad time in their lives. Our son Hugh was a close friend of Allen and we knew him well. The Menard family is loved by many in the Kankakee area.
Sincerely,
Pat and Don Janda
formerly of Kankakee, Illinois
Patricia and Donald F. Janda

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“ TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY I AM SORRY TO HERE ABOUT YOUR MOTHER BE STRONG AND MAY GOD BLESS
DONELL PRUITT

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“ Such a wonderful woman. I remember how she would invite my sister and me in for ice cream on the way to the swimming pool when we would stop for Mia. My sympathies to all of the Menard family.##imported-begin##Barb Goodrich##imported-end##

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“ I'm saddened. I worked with Arletta several years ago with the RCIA at St. Rose. We also sang together many times in the St. Rose Choir. She has had so many losses in her life in the past several years but I know that now they are all together in heaven. When I think of Arletta I think of how she was always so impeccably dressed; her Ford Explorer; her beautiful voice; and most of all her love for her family.##imported-begin##Sandy Dion##imported-end##

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