



## Beatrice Merten

June 1, 1923 - August 11, 2009

Visitation for Beatrice M. Merten, 86, of Bourbonnais, will be from 4 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 Maternity BVM Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. Father Richard Pighini will officiate. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery in Irwin. Memorials may be made to the Kankakee County Humane Society, Hemophilia Foundation of Illinois or to Maternity BVM Catholic Church, where she was a member. She died Tuesday (Aug. 11, 2009) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, following a short illness. Mrs. Merten was a bookkeeper in the grocery business, retiring in 1984; and also retired in 2006 from Chamness & Merten Accounting. She was born June 1, 1923, in Irwin, the daughter of Daniel and Ella Knittel O'Connor. Her husband, Francis J. Merten, whom she married May 16, 1942, at St. James Church in Irwin, died March 6, 1967. She enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and especially loved playing cards and bingo at Bickford House. She loved the Chicago Cubs. Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Sharon Merten of Bourbonnais; one daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Michael Chamness of Bourbonnais; four grandchildren, Michelle and Patrick Wehrle, Scott Chamness, Michael and Becky Merten, and David Merten; and three great-grandchildren, Miranda Wehrle, Ryan Wehrle and Caden Chamness. Deceased are one son, James E. Merten; and three brothers. A loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, "Gram" lived her life to the fullest -- never skipping a beat -- always involved in all of our lives. That is

what we loved best and will miss most of all.

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“ Richard and Linda  
  
I used to babysit you kids out on the farm. I½My parents were Bud and Marie O'Connor. I½I've not seen you kids in years and you were probably too young to remember me.  
  
I send my love and comfort greetings for the family at the loss of Bea. I½She was a dear lady and always so cheerful. I½My prayers are with all of you. Love I½Janice (O'Connor)Montague##imported-begin##Janice (O'Connor) Montague##imported-end##

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“ Gram came into my life in 2000 when I was fortunate to be hired at Chamness and Merten Accounting. Since then she became a very special person in my life. She worked in the office for several years along side of all of us. It was always apparent how much she loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them at work and at home. She had a heart of gold. I remember when Jim died she called me, Dena, Julie, and Angela Jim's angels. I½Well, Gram, you were and always will be an angel to me. I will miss you but know that you are with Jim now and that must make you happy. Love Pam##imported-begin##Pam Johnson##imported-end##

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“ Dick & Sharon, Mike & Linda and families,  
  
May you be comforted by knowing what a beautiful lady you were blessed with and all the beautiful ways she touched all of our lives.  
  
I will learn to play 'Danny Boy' on her piano to honor her and her Irish heritage. Every time I hold and read that family Bible, I will say a prayer for her. They will truly be my two prized possessions and I promise to make sure they are always preserved, to carry on her family legacy. I am truly grateful for my visits with her and her stories of the family and the pictures she showed me, that helped keep that family history alive. She always seemed to know how much those family things meant to my heart and I am grateful to have had her to brighten my life. She was truly Harry's favorite.

AN IRISH BLESSING

REMEMBERED JOY

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free!  
I follow the plan God made for me.  
I saw his face, I heard his call.  
I took his hand and left it all...  
I could not stay another day,  
To love, to laugh, to work or play,  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
And if my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss....  
Ah yes, these things I, too, shall miss.  
My life's been full, I've savoured much:  
Good times, good friends, a loved-one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief -  
Don't shorten yours with undue grief.  
Be not burdened with tears of sorrow,  
Enjot the sunshine of the morrow.

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All my love, strength, and support,  
Cindy Marie O'Connor (& the late Harry Daniel O'Connor)##imported-begin##Cindy O'Connor & the late Harry D O'Connor##imported-end##

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“ So sad to hear of Bea's passing. I have fond memories of working with her at Thrif T Mart- she trained me in the courtesy counter and was always patient and kind to me. She was very good at her job and the customers loved and respected her. She will be missed!###imported-begin##Lisa Winge##imported-end##

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“ Dear Dick & Sharon: i¿½You have my deepest sympathy in the loss of your wonderful Mother,Dick. i¿½I didn't hear about her passing away till this afternoon at work. i¿½I will keep her in my prayers. i¿½Aunt Jean###imported-begin##Jean Chaney##imported-end##

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“ We had many conversations in the office through the years, and always looked forward to and enjoyed each one. i¿½What a pleasure it was to have known such a lovely lady. i¿½May your memories bring smiles through the tears. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.<br><br>###imported-begin##Ray Hicks##imported-end##

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“ I REMEMBER BEA FROM HER DAYS AT RUDY'S. SHE WAS ALWAYS A NICE LADY. THE FAMILY HAS MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY.<br><br><br><br>SHARON##imported-begin##SHARON PERKINS##imported-end##

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“ I was so sad to hear of Gram's passing. i¿½Even though I am just a part-time employee, Gram treated me like one of the family...and she even let me use her seat in the new office! i¿½<br><br><br><br>She will be SO missed! <br><br><br><br>Love, Angela Shea<br><br>##imported-begin##Angela Shea##imported-end##

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“ sorry for your lost##imported-begin##Dwayne & Norma Francoeur##imported-end##

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“ I haven't seen Bea probably since 1983 but remember her oh, so well. I worked with her for a couple years at Thrif-t-Mart (aka Rudy's) and absolutely loved working with her. The customers would always seek her out and she'd always pat their hand through the cashier cage window. She was a special lady and even after 26 years I still smile thinking about her. I have no doubt she will be greatly missed by her family & friends. Godspeed!##imported-begin##Bill Korstick##imported-end##

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“ thinking of you in your time of sadness##imported-begin##diana oconnor##imported-end##

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