



Bercha West

November 26, 1919 - August 15, 2013

Bercha Nell West, 93, of Bourbonnais, peacefully passed away Thursday (Aug. 15, 2013) at the home of her son, Patrick, surrounded by family. Per Bercha's request, there will be no visitation. Cremation rites have been accorded. Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, is in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

She was born in Marion, Ill., Nov. 26, 1919, the daughter of Charles and Helene Sherertz. Bercha was a person who never met anyone she didn't like, truly caring for others well before herself.

She is survived by two sons, Patrick (former wife, Paulette) and David (Nena); six grandchildren, Jason (Becci), Christina (David), Benjamin (Adrienne), Margo (Derek), Shawn and Steven; five great-grandchildren, Sonya, Josh, lone, Ramsey, Audra, Odin and Blake; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy, whom she married in October 1944; grandson Derek (Pat); great-grandson, Lucas (Benjamin and Adrienne); brothers, Charles and Bill; and sisters, Marianne and Patricia.

She and her husband, Roy, owned and operated Sam's Shirt Shop in downtown Kankakee for many years.

She was our Mother, our Grandmother, our best friend, and we will miss her always.

Tribute Wall

SM

“ I remember my Uncles, the jokers (Roy, Max, Ed) making fun of me because I couldn't tie my shoes :(Aunt Bercha took me aside and taught me a 'rabbit ear' way to tie my shoes!!!! So there to my belated uncles.

My heart goes out to you, Pat and David (miss you guys)!

shawn marie

Shawn Marie - August 26, 2013 at 09:10 AM

LS

“ DEAR DAVE
VERY SORRY TO HEAR THE PASSING OF
YOUR MOTHER.



LARRY SUPRENANT - August 26, 2013 at 06:59 AM



“ Nan's sense of humor and strength of character were so profound - they have become part of our family character. It seems like they've been sewn into our DNA. She taught all of us grandkids to laugh and be strong. Now I see it in my kids and their cousins.

She sometimes worried that we would forget her. But we can't. When I laugh its Nan's laugh. And when my children laugh its the same.

Her body is gone but she will never die. She lives in our laughter and our love. Maybe that's where heaven is.

JWest JWest - August 24, 2013 at 08:51 PM

DA

Couldn't have expressed it any better son- David

david - August 25, 2013 at 10:49 AM

DG

“ Dear Dave
My condolences on the lost of your mother She is at peace and with her loved ones Take care of yourself and I am still not going to carry any drywall with you
Love you
Don Glenzinski

Don Glenzinski - August 23, 2013 at 10:19 PM

JM

“ What a great lady! God's peace to her family. Judge J.F. Michela (retired)

John Fred Michela - August 22, 2013 at 04:44 AM

NA

“ Our sympathy to the family of Bercha. We have fond memories of her and Roy.

Nick/Shirley Africano - August 21, 2013 at 09:47 PM

SW

“ we will miss her more than you can think! R.I.P. AUNT BERCHA STEVE ALICE AND NOAH WEST

steve west - August 21, 2013 at 08:18 PM

SW

“ Steve West lit a candle in memory of Bercha West



steve west - August 21, 2013 at 08:16 PM

CR

“ Lovely lady, I wish I could have done more for her.

Cheryl Kucer RN - August 21, 2013 at 12:47 PM

JB

“ Pat, Remember your Mom well and always appreciated those rides home from High School in the family Rambler.

jerry bjick - August 21, 2013 at 11:40 AM

PO

“ Sorry to hear of your mothers death. My sympathy goes out to all of your family..She is now at peace with God..

Pat O'Reilly - August 21, 2013 at 10:43 AM