



## Berdell M. O'Connor

November 17, 1920 - February 19, 2021

Berdell M. O'Connor, age 100, of Kankakee passed away Friday, February 19, 2021 at her daughter's home in Bradley. She was born November 17, 1920 in Kankakee, the daughter of Walter B. & Mae (Larson) Crawley. She married William Alex O'Connor on Aug 3, 1946 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. He preceded her in death on March 24, 2007.

She was a graduate of Chebanse High School and attended Gallagher Business College. Berdell was a retired cafeteria worker in the Kankakee School District 111. She had worked at Proegler School for 10 years. In her earlier years, she had worked in the office at David Bradley for five years and two years at Florence Stove (Ropers) in Kankakee. She was a longtime parishioner of St. Teresa Catholic Church in Kankakee for over 60 years and was currently a parishioner of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. She was also a member of the Windy City Walkers. Berdell had walked in 16 states with her daughter Pat. She enjoyed walking, baking, gardening, and shopping. Most of all, Berdell loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Michael & Linda O'Connor of Montgomery, AL; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Mary & Pete Gooding of Bradley, Patricia O'Connor of Louisville, KY, and Nora & Benny Denault of Kankakee; seven grandchildren, Tim O'Connor, Erin (Philip) Burdeshaw, Christopher (Samantha) O'Connor, Brian (Trina) Gooding, Melissa (Reggie) Gilbert, Elizabeth Gooding (D'Martin Shegog), Brandi and Calvin Watson

Zinnel; seven great-grandchildren, Sam Caudill, Draven Gooding, Aidan Gilbert, Taylor Gilbert, Ethan Gilbert, Alexis Saffer, and Simeon Zinnel; several nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. In addition to her husband, William O'Connor, Berdell is preceded in death by her parents; one son, James O'Connor, who passed away November 7, 2018; one granddaughter, Susan Gooding; three brothers, Herman Crawley, Kenneth Crawley, and Marvin Crawley; and two sisters, Evelyn Mehrer and Alice Lehnus.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee. Memorials may be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church, the American Diabetes Association, or to Uplifted Care, formerly Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary

2000 E. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Mass

FEB **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
428 S. Indiana  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-6716

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ To the O'Connor family, I am so sorry for your loss. I looked at a lot of your pictures you posted and can see that you all a wonderful time together. Cherish your memories! Sincerely, Donna (Palmer) Casino

Donna Casino - February 23, 2021 at 02:48 PM



Thank you.

Nora Zinnel - February 25, 2021 at 07:04 PM



Thank you.

Nora Zinnel - February 25, 2021 at 07:05 PM

PO

Thank you Donna. I really appreciate your kind thoughts. Pat O'Connor

Patricia O'Connor - March 04, 2021 at 08:31 PM



“ My deepest sympathy for the family. You are in my prayers.

Jodi Higgins

Jodi Higgins - February 23, 2021 at 01:58 PM



Thank you.

Nora Zinnel - February 25, 2021 at 07:06 PM



“ 125 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - February 22, 2021 at 02:37 PM

NW

“ Sincere sympathy to "Aunt" Berdell's Family. I have so many fond memories growing up with all of my "shirt-tail cousins" under the watchful eye of my Aunt Evelyn on Nelson Ave and the Crawley Farm south of town. Berdell had a sweet and giving Spirit, blessed with a loving family in return and 100 years of Life. May her memory be a blessing.



**Nora walker** - February 22, 2021 at 02:27 PM

NW

*(Nora Mehrer)*

**Nora Mehrer Walker** - February 22, 2021 at 02:29 PM

PO

*Thank you Nora for your kind thoughts. You are right about my mother having a sweet and giving spirit.*

**Patricia O'Connor** - March 10, 2021 at 02:22 PM

VD

“ *Virginia R Dominick lit a candle in memory of Berdell M. O'Connor*



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**Virginia R Dominick** - February 22, 2021 at 12:16 PM

CS

“ *Pat, Mary and family,  
So sorry to hear of the passing of your mom.  
Praying God helps all of you through the sad  
time.  
Carla Scheppler*



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**Carla Scheppler** - February 21, 2021 at 11:29 PM

PO

*Thank you Carla. I appreciate your prayers and sympathy.*

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**Patricia O'Connor** - March 04, 2021 at 08:33 PM



“ *My sympathy to the family. She was a wonderful Aunt to me! Miss all those who have passed on the Crawley side of the family! Will be thinking and praying for you all during this time.*

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**Linda Schneider** - February 21, 2021 at 12:43 PM

KH

*Mike and family  
So sorry for your loss. She had a long and fulfilling life and I know she will be missed.*

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**Kathy Martel Holz-Zammuto** - February 24, 2021 at 01:03 AM