



Bernice Bissaillon

January 29, 1919 - May 11, 2008

Bernice Bissaillon -- Bourbonnais Visitation for Bernice C. Bissaillon, 89, of Bourbonnais, will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday at Maternity BVM Catholic Church, where she was a member. The Rev. Richard Pighini will officiate. Burial will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. Memorials may be made to the Moose or to the Kankakee American Legion Post 85. She died Sunday (May 11, 2008) at Merkle-Knipprath Nursing Home in Clifton. Mrs. Bissaillon owned Bridals by Bernice. She was born Jan. 29, 1919, in Bradley, the daughter of Thomas and Lillie Bellisle Fortin. Her husband, Raymond Bissaillon, whom she married in March 1971, is deceased. She was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard SPARS and a member of Kankakee American Legion Post 85. She was also a member of the Moose Lodge, Gleaners, the Catholic Daughters, and the Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society. Surviving are friends, Connie Licon of Kankakee, and Charles Marquardt of Bourbonnais. One sister, Zeta Fortin, is deceased.

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“ *I will certainly miss Bernice - One of the few people I ever knew who shared my last name. I ½ Never really found out if she was related but as uncommon as our last name was I am sure back a few generations, we were probably related.##imported-begin##Alice Fortin Anderson##imported-end##*

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“ *It was a pleasure knowing Bernice, and working with her through the post.##imported-begin##John & Carol Papineau##imported-end##*

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“ Bernice was a good friend of Sharon's mother, Jo Bilyard. We have many fond memories of Bernice and her special personality. Sharon's wedding dress came from Bernice's Bridal Shop, and she was there on her wedding day to make sure she looked beautiful. Bernice loved her cats Brownie and Snoopy and was always on her own time!

She loved Fannie May mint meltaways and was proud of her service to the Moose and her Country. We would like to say a special thank you to Charlie and Laurel for all your care and special attention to Bernice. She truly was a Martriarch of Old Bourbonnais and BVM. You will be missed

Bernice! Pat and Sharon Skelly

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“ REST IN PEACE LITTLE MISS BERNICE ,I'LL MISS YOUR FUNNY STORIES. GENA REAVIS

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“ To the various family relatives and friends of Bernice--our sympathy at her passing.

It has been my pleasure, sincerely, to have met and known, even if only in later years, this most extraordinary woman.

I have a conviction that a family is enriched by having among its members, a person who stands out and Bernice certainly did. She was entirely her own person--without apology.

She was impressive for her loyalty to her country, her fellow military brother and sisterhood and their families. I will always remember the pride she had in being a part of ceremonies/the various yearly memorials to our deceased military.

Her co-workers in the Women of The Moose will not soon forget her ability to bring in new members and her constancy in attending the various functions and charitable work of the organization.

Bernice demonstrated the same constancy as long as she could in the MBVM women's clubs, and the Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society, taking positions in each of these in her time.

I will not soon forget the twinkle in her eye over winning something or the stories she told of Bourbonnais, when she was in the mood. ¶½And I will ever hear her common expression, "Well yes...".

We cannot imagine how many bridal events her talented seamstress, and designer eye and hands facilitated over the decades of "Bridals By Bernice" and we like to think that the costume adjunct to her business, the same.

"Thanks for the memories, Bernice".

Sincerely,

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“ *I'm going miss Bernice. During my tenure as the Bourbonnais Village Administrator, I had to work with Bernice as we were improving the land behind her house. She was VERY insistent that we not damage any trees on her property. I also got to know her in her duties with the VFW. She was a great lady, and an asset to the community.##imported-begin##Frank Koehler##imported-end##*

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“ *We are so sorry that we were unable to attend the funeral services. Please accept our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Jake and Debbie Peters##imported-end##*

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“ I just spoke to Bernice. We spoke about the Moose, family, health & weather, She wanted me to send more pictures of our family. I was planning on visiting her when I came to town May 17. Who would have known. She took care of my Granps and when he passed she just forgot about the Bissaillons. I found her to be a very interesting lady and never could really get to close to her. I sure do remember trying on gowns upstairs in the dressing room with tissue under my arm pits, That was just her way..I also remember all of the clocks that my Granps worked on too. Sure wish I new what ever happened to them along with all of my Nanas (The original Mrs. Bissaillon) belongings and knick knacks. Geez I can remember them set up in the breezeway at Bernices house. I wish I could have visited her to make her understand the importance of some of the trinkets and things that go back in the Bissaillon Family for 5 generations. What a loss for the Raymond and Katherine Bissailon grandchildren and great grandchildren and even the great great grand children. Whomever is taking care of the estate should contact the Bissaillon family.

 Julie Johnson Renehan & Tyler Norman brubach

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“ BERNICE HAS 6 STEP GRANDCHILDREN THEY WISH TO SEND THERE CONDOLENCES .STEVE BISSAILLON,RANDY BISSAILLON,JEFF BISSAILLON,CANDY MAGRUDER, KAREN TALLMAN,MARY LUCEK. RONIE BISSAILLON

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