



Bernice Bukosky

June 27, 1934 - December 8, 2022

Bernice Bukosky (88) of Kankakee passed peacefully on December 8, 2022 after a prolonged illness. Ms. Bukosky was a long-time faculty member in the English Department at Kankakee Community College. She was a native of Donora, Pa. A graduate of Donora High School, she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from California University of Pennsylvania (California State Teachers College) and her Master of Arts in English from West Virginia University.

During her many years of living in Kankakee, Ms. Bukosky was an avid fan of the Chicago Bears football team, and an ardent admirer of legendary Bears Head Coach Mike Ditka.

Ms. Bukosky is survived by her life partner of more than 40 years, Mr. Gene Seamark of Kankakee, his mother Cecilia Seamark also of Kankakee, nephew Ronald Anthony (Elaine Anthony) of Irwin, PA, nephew Gerard Hilinski (Charlotte Wasko) of Brunswick, OH and great nephews Brad Anthony, Robert Anthony, Brian Hilinski, great niece Elizabeth Holtzman and their respective spouses and children. In addition, she has numerous cousins residing throughout the mid-Atlantic region of the United States.

Ms. Bukosky was preceded in death by father Val Bukosky, mother Rose Bukosky, sister Ethel Anthony and sister Cecilia Hilinski.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 10 am at St John Paul II Catholic Parish in Kankakee with burial to follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Illinois Chapter of the American Heart Association or the Kankakee County Humane Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

DEC **14**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus
953 South 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ms Bukosky was a memorable teacher of mine at KCC. May she rest in peace.*

Rose Devine Mitchell - December 13, 2022 at 12:34 PM

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It was an honor and a privilege to have Bernice as my colleague and friend in the Humanities Division at KCC for 35 years. Her insight into literature, art, and music was profound and unsurpassed. Bernice's legacy is her unparalleled contribution to her students' understanding of the richness of the humanities.

Pamela R. Mack

Pamela R. Mack - January 14, 2023 at 10:20 AM

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I am so sorry to just fund out about this. So many fun memories of Bernice!!! Rest in peace!

BarbaraLoudy

Barbara Loudy - March 09, 2023 at 11:16 AM