



Bernice Whittemore

April 4, 1925 - March 2, 2006

Bernice "Bea" Whittemore (nee Wisner), 80, of St. Anne, died Thursday (March 2, 2006) at Riverside Hospital of a massive stroke. An open house will be held at her daughter Kay's home in St. Anne from 2 to 5 today. Bea was born in Stockland, IL to John and Esta Wisner on April 4, 1925. She was a loving and dedicated wife and mother for over 60 years. She worked side by side with her husband on the farm, while making a loving home for him and their children. She also taught Sunday school at Asbury Methodist Church in Kankakee and worked as a nurse. She couldn't help but take care of her friends and her family. Her warmth lit up a room, and strangers became lifelong friends of hers in an instant. Her best friend was her husband of 60 years, Robert Whittemore, who preceded her in death five months ago.

Surviving are her sister, Alphasine German, of Milford; her four children and their spouses: Martha and Richard Melman of Winnetka; John and Laurie Whittemore and Mark and Cheryl Whittemore of Momence; and Kay McLaren of St. Anne. She was also the proud grandmother of ten surviving grandchildren: RJ, Amie, Jerrod, Matthew, Meghan, Molly, Kelsey, Michael, Carly, and Bobby. Bea lived life the way she woke up her children when they were young ? with a ?rise and shine? attitude. Everyday she worked a crossword puzzle and fed her birds. Swans visited her backyard and ate bread from her hand as if she were also their grandmother. She encouraged everyone who visited to ?take two? of her famous cookies. Her pies will remain legendary in the Whittemore family; from apple to pumpkin, they

reigned supreme. Although her family will miss her much, they are comforted that ?Bob and Bea? are together again. Avid bridge players, they are once again partners, capable of their silent communication her family always called ?pishy pash?.

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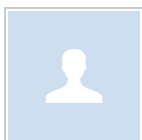


“ John, Laurie and Carly,

We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother and grandmother. It must be even harder with your father having passed not that long ago. John, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless.

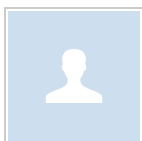
Love,
Jeff,
Debbie, Emily, Amanda, and Jake
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“ Our sympathy and prayers go out to you and your family.###imported-begin###Lorraine Marcotte###imported-end###

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“ When the Lord calls our loved ones home, he leaves a gift of memories in exchange.

We are sorry for your loss.
Take care & God Bless all of You!###imported-begin###Kathy & Mike Storer###imported-end###

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“ So sorry to here of the loss of your mom. She will be missed by many. There was never a time she didn't know you. Always a smile. You are in are prayers. Vickie, Kevin, and family###imported-begin###Vickie&Kevin Stroo###imported-end##

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“ I will miss you Grandma. Thank you for all the time I got to spend with you. I love you with all my heart.###imported-begin###Carly Whittimore###imported-end##

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“ Hi Martha ~ ĩ½What a lovely obituary your family wrote for your mother! ĩ½Mom has kept me up to date on your dad and your mom. ĩ½I'm sorry that I didn't get in touch with you sooner. ĩ½I noticed the guestbook option at the bottom of the obituary and decided this would be a good way to let you know that I was thinking about you and sorry to hear of your losses. ĩ½You had wonderful parents and it sounds like they left you with wonderful memories. ĩ½God bless! ĩ½It's good to make contact again.###imported-begin###Kathy Siegle###imported-end##

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