



Betty LaVerne Calabrese

November 27, 1928 - September 3, 2017

Betty LaVerne Calabrese, age 88, of Kankakee, passed away Sunday, September 3, 2017 at her home.

She was born November 27, 1928 in Chicago, the daughter of Ralph Howard & Harriet Margaret Janke McClay.

Betty married Peter Calabrese on May 1, 1982 at Oak Lawn Lutheran Church. He preceded her in death in November of 1988.

Betty worked for Illinois Bell for 30 years. She was also a ballroom dancer for 30 years. Betty was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Chicago.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, James & Ellen Skutt of Kankakee; one daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia & John Mullin of Tinley Park; six grandchildren, James (Amanda) Skutt, Matt (Jillian) Skutt, Danielle Hoskins, Gabrielle Skutt, Daniel Mullin, and Michael Mullin; and five great-grandchildren, Emma, Lincoln, Zachery, Leia, and Luke; and one cousin, Dolores Hallman of Massula, Montana.

In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by her parents; and her best friend of 81 years, Betty Lepins.

Graveside services will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday, September 8, 2017 at Bethania Cemetery in Justice.

In lieu of flowers or donations, tell a member of your family that you love them. Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Cemetery Details

Bethania Cemetery

Justice, IL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

Bethania Cemetery
Justice, IL

Tribute Wall

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“ Maw Maw as she was known to her grandchildren was a wonderful grandmother. She spent many hours reading to them they they would sit on her lap and she would trace their little fingers along the book with the words and pictures. Maw maw loved babysitting and I always knew they were in good hands. I remember the first time meeting Maw Maw and realizing what a strong woman she was and how much she loved her family raising her two children on her own. Her favorite past time (besides all her grandchildren) was her ballroom dancing at Willow Brook with Peter and later with George. I believe she is dancing again on the streets of gold and until we see her again she will be missed. Love you Maw Maw!

Terry Skutt - September 07, 2017 at 11:09 AM