



Betty Jean Hamlyn

June 6, 1941 - May 16, 2023

Betty Jean Hamlyn (Pombert), 81, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, passed away May 16, 2023. It is bittersweet to share that she passed away in Minocqua, WI, a place that was truly her heaven on earth. Surviving are her devoted husband of 63 years, Vernon (Swede) Hamlyn of Bourbonnais; son, Bryan (Pam) Hamlyn of Grant Park; daughters, Beth Ann (Bert) Seither of Clearwater, FL, Kathy (Jerry) Yonke of Bourbonnais; grandchildren, Jessica (Derek) Jaenicke, Joshua (Dominique) Yonke, Bryce Seither and Brett Seither; great grandchildren, Maddox and Hadley Jaenicke; sisters, Patricia Baldwin of Bedford, IN and Judy Brown of Bourbonnais; and many other cherished family members. Her family finds peace in knowing she is reunited in Heaven with her parents; in-laws; extended family; and beloved sister, Nora.

Betty was born in 1941 in Kankakee, where she was a graduate of St. Pat's Catholic High School. Shortly after, she married the love of her life and began raising her family on the Hamlyn Farm in Bourbonnais. In addition to raising three children, Betty was always involved in numerous organizations and activities. She took it upon herself to ensure her children were involved in anything and everything while she volunteered alongside them. She spent countless hours working as a Girl Scout leader, classroom mother, visual art assistant, and with the Bourbonnais Historical Society and Friendship Festival. As her children got older, Betty began working at LeVasseur School in 1979. She initially started in the lunch program, and her own children enjoyed the

many perks of this new job! After four years, she became an office clerk and remained in this role until her retirement in 2007. Working at the school gave her many enjoyable experiences and memories. Among her favorites was the opportunity to watch two of her grandchildren go through the school. Her big smile and kind heart brought comfort to many children throughout her years there.

Betty was an active member in her church, Maternity BVM, and was honored to be named “Woman of the Year” by the Council of Catholic Women when she served on the board’s organization. While recent illnesses interfered with her attending church from her favorite pew at MBVM, she enjoyed watching streamed mass with her daughter, Kathy.

Family was always her number one priority, and you could often find her supporting her children and grandchildren – near or far. She attended every sporting event, whether it was toddler t-ball in Bourbonnais or a Georgia Bulldogs football game in Athens. She enjoyed shopping for a bargain with her daughters and granddaughter, cuddling with all her grand dogs, had a wonderful green thumb and the most beautiful garden, loved to swim, travel, read, eat sweets, and laugh with her sisters.

Betty loved Lake Minocqua and spent over 75 years going “Up North”. Her family is forever grateful that she passed on her love of The Northwoods to four generations and counting. We look forward to sharing our favorite memories of her – our Betty Bomber, our Mom, our Grammy, and our friend on the dock for many years to come.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Betty’s name to The Alzheimer’s Foundation. We offer our love, prayers, and support to all families affected by this disease.

Visitation will be from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Friday, May 19, 2023, at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at Maternity B.V.M. Church. Burial will follow at All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

MAY 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvmchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences to Swede and the family. I worked with Swede for many years at Ford Motor Co. So sorry to learn of their loss.*

Jim Thompson (Guv) - June 03, 2023 at 07:21 PM

RA

“ *Bryan,
Sorry I missed your mom's services. My Prayers go out to you & Pam!*

Randy.schweizer - May 23, 2023 at 08:19 PM

JL

“ *So very sorry to hear about Betty. Thoughts and prayers to the family. She always greeted you with a wonderful smile.*

Jackie Lingle - May 22, 2023 at 11:36 AM

BG

“ *Sending our condolences and prayers to the Hamlyn family. John and I have many fond memories of our times spent together with Betty and your family enjoying the Minocqua area (visiting with the family at your cabin at the Country Club and other North Woods adventures). She was a special lady and will be missed. Peace and comfort to your family at this difficult time.*

John and Brenda Gould

Brenda K Gould - May 20, 2023 at 09:17 PM

CM

“ *Rest in peace. Prayers for the family during this difficult time.*

Cathie (Sederstrand) Miedema



cathie miedema - May 18, 2023 at 12:37 PM

MS

“ *Kathy & Swede – I am sorry to hear about the passing of Betty. As you know, Betty was very helpful to me as the Secretary of Noel LeVasseur. Both as a parent, and especially as a co-worker in the BESD53 family. My oldest daughter started her Elementary time at LeVasseur and Betty was re-assuring to my wife that the faculty and staff would take great care of our 5 year old daughter (soon to be 40). Betty had such a helpful, calming and caring way about her with all her students – especially when it came time for the children to ride the school bus! Betty will be missed and we are praying for God’s comfort and guidance for you and your family.*

Mike Stone - May 18, 2023 at 12:10 PM

KG

“ *Kathy, I was so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Even though I did not know your Mom, I feel she must have been a wonderful lady because I know her daughter who is a wonderful lady. I also feel that a Mom is Mom even into eternity she will be sending you her love. Kathy, the Retired Librarian*

Kathleen Gerhardstein - May 18, 2023 at 08:06 AM

EN

“ Betty always treated me like one of her grandkids. She was always cheering me on at sporting events and excited to catch up on life events. I feel so lucky that she also spread her love for Minocqua to me. It's one of my favorite places. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Erin Nardone - May 17, 2023 at 06:38 PM

PG

She did treat you like family, because you were! I know you loved her like a grandma.

Paula Grimes - May 18, 2023 at 07:01 PM

TE

“ Tim And Connie Eaker lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Hamlyn



Tim and Connie Eaker - May 17, 2023 at 06:01 PM

TE

I loved Betty! I worked lunch program at Levasseur. Betty had good taste in clothes. Church was important to Betty. My sympathy to family. Betty was special.

Tim and Connie Eaker - May 17, 2023 at 06:05 PM