



Beverly L. Fortin

December 3, 1932 - October 7, 2013

Visitation for Beverly L. Fortin, 80, of Kankakee, will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday. The Rev. Judean Benston will officiate. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory, Kankakee. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. She passed away Monday (Oct. 7, 2013) at the University of Chicago Hospital.

Mrs. Fortin was a waitress for many years. She was born Dec. 3, 1932, in Kankakee, the daughter of Alfred and Pearl Bevan Arthur. Her husband, Clayton Fortin, whom she married Nov. 7, 1953, in Kankakee, passed away June 15, 1981. She enjoyed her monthly club meetings and playing cards, Yahtzee and bingo. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Surviving are two sons, Jeff (Sybille) Fortin, of Tulsa, Okla., Michael (Karen) Fortin, of Holmen, Wis.; four daughters, Lou Ann (Arturo) Gonzalez, and Vicky Fortin and Ruben Rosas, all of Bradley, Janet Fortin and Rafael Martinez, of St. Anne, and Terri (Terry) Terrell, of Bradley; one stepson, Forest (Darlene) Fortin, of Kankakee; two stepdaughters, Cynthia (Jim) Price, and Kathleen Johnson, both of Kankakee; 24 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Gloria Toledo, of Kankakee, Joanne (Earl) Marcotte, of Bourbonnais, and Gladys Fowler, of Kankakee; and two sisters-in-law,

Barbara Arthur, of Bourbonnais, and Gladys Arthur, of Healdsburg, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents; twin daughters, Carol and Christine Gaytan; grandson, Eric Pierce; and two brothers, Richard and Ronald Arthur.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-6726

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

OCT **11.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Beverly L. Fortin*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - October 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *So sorry to learn of Bev's passing. I remember her so well from Bingo at Mac. She always had a smile and something to visit about. May her soul now rest in peace. To her family I send my deepest sympathy as you will truly miss her.*

Carol E.Berg - October 16, 2013 at 03:58 PM

GF

“ *What a wonderful person Bev was. A friend to all with a nod and a smile. She was a good friend to my late Mother who always spoke kindly of Bev. She will be missed by the many folks that knew her.*

Garry and Jan Fortin

Garry and Jan Fortin - October 13, 2013 at 09:37 PM

DL

“ Sorry to hear about your loss. My sister emailed me the news today. Your mom was always so warm to me whenever I was over at your house. What a job she had in raising all you kids (especially those twin boys). We don't appreciate how hard that can be until we become parents ourselves. And look how your families have grown now! May God comfort you at this time.

Dan Lang - October 12, 2013 at 08:49 PM

CH

“ i met Beverly through her daughter Kathy whom I have known for many years , Bev was allways a happy go lucky person with a smile on her face she loved her family and worked very hard I remember the last time I saw her at Bills I ask her are you ever going to stop working and she said not till I have to,,,my sicere sympathy and prayers to the entire family , Bev was one of a kind

CAROLYN HARRIS - October 12, 2013 at 06:28 PM

LW

“ " I will always remember the good times at her house, her making me feel like family I wish I could have become her son in law I really loved her, all my love to Terry and the family." Loy White

Loy White - October 12, 2013 at 08:24 AM

KM

“ May her smile always warm your heart and your memories fill your souls! Your family were great neighbors for our family. You all are in my thought and prayers....
Karen Purcell Mann

Karen Purcell Mann - October 11, 2013 at 10:45 PM

LS

“ So many memories of Beverly during her dedicated years at The Corporal, if Dad were here (Delmar Jensen) he would say something really witty and or sarcastic, so for all of you who knew his personality fill in the blank here. Bev was a fixture at the restaurant, you always expected to see her there working her usual section, hearing her laugh, carrying LOTS of plates on one arm, or visiting at the counter between customers. When she had a day off (wait, did she ever have a day off)... the atmosphere just wasn't the same. Now these memories are her gift to all of us to keep forever, thank you to the Fortin family for sharing her with all of us through the years. Now Beverly and Del can be on break together and actually have a cup of coffee and talk about the good ole days.

*With lots of love, hugs and sympathy,
Delmar Jensen's Family*

Lori Jensen Stevenson - October 11, 2013 at 11:12 AM

KG

“ Wanted to let you all know my thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time. I know how much she will be missed by family and friends, but she will be in our hearts. Love to all.



Karen Giagnoni - October 11, 2013 at 08:32 AM

JK

“ So sorry for your loss. We always had lots of fun with Ol Bev in the beauty shop! Lots of great memories with her at Come as U R. Our prayers are with the Fortin family.
Love ~ Jim Kravat & family!

Jim Kravat - October 11, 2013 at 08:26 AM

KG

“ *Karen Giagnoni lit a candle in memory of Beverly L. Fortin*



Karen Giagnoni - October 11, 2013 at 08:26 AM

PW

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. I had an appointment in Naperville so I was not able to make the visitation. Sounds like your mother was a wonderful lady.*

Pat Watson-Billadeau

Pat Watson-Billadeau - October 11, 2013 at 07:51 AM

MM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss Merry Mann*

Merry Mann - October 10, 2013 at 07:14 PM

RS

“ *To:*

The family of the Fortin you have my sympathy in the loss of a great Mother friend.

To my classmate the lord knows best and the lord dont make any mistake no that she you all angle watching over all of you with that great smile.

*love;
Renee Stewart
class of 76*

Renee Stewart - October 10, 2013 at 04:07 PM

Mary Morgan

“*(((Janet & Vicky)))...keeping you & your family in my prayers...Mary (Storke) Morgan...*



Mary Morgan - October 10, 2013 at 09:19 AM

DB

“*I'll always remember Aunt Bev with the fondest of memories. Like mom, she never judged but quietly listened. You were always welcomed in their busy house where Uncle Clayton would call me "Dobbie". As much as we miss her, I know that she is rejoicing in the presence of her Lord and Savior and now visiting with those who journeyed there before her. My only sadness will be my loss because I know she is in a far better place where there are no more tears, sickness, or sadness!*

Debra Belor - October 10, 2013 at 08:45 AM

AG

“*Sorry to hear about your mom. You have my deepest sympathy! Annette Gladu*



Annette Gladu - October 10, 2013 at 06:57 AM

SB

“ Vicky, Janet, Lou Ann, Terri, and family So sorry to hear of your Moms passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time, May happy memories warm your heart and caring friends surround you with comfort and love. Sheryl Barbosa and family



Sheryl Barbosa - October 10, 2013 at 01:16 AM

RH

“ Rick, Beth, & Piper Hanson lit a candle in memory of Beverly L. Fortin



Rick, Beth, & Piper Hanson - October 09, 2013 at 10:22 PM

SH

“ To Beverly's family,we share your loss but it is with deep gratitude that we thank God for this wonderful person and a life that touched so many. Our family will always remember her dear presence at my grandfather's services and how she made us all laugh with such wonderful memories of "The Little Corporal". You should know, that my grandfather, Ray Benoit, always spoke so highly of her and appreciated her commitment and joy to the people she came in contact with. God Bless, Sally Rae Hendron & Phyllis Benoit Hendron.

Sally Hendron - October 09, 2013 at 09:41 PM

JF

Thank you so much for the kind words. My mom touched many people's lives. She was a wonderful mother and person

janet fortin - October 09, 2013 at 10:23 PM

MW

“ *Michelle West lit a candle in memory of Beverly L. Fortin*



michelle west - October 09, 2013 at 07:40 PM

SG

“ *I share this heartfelt sympathy, with all who came in contact with Bev. My sister "Pam White" (died in 2000) worked with Bev for many years at "The Little Corporal" she was such a joy to be around! Bev, when you get to heaven, give my sis a big hug for me! She will be so glad to see you! RIP Sweet Lady!!*



Susie (Roberts) Glen

Susie (Roberts) Glen - October 09, 2013 at 06:19 PM

GR

“ *Such a wonderful lady, my prayers are with you all at this time.*

Gary and Cyndee Roseborough - October 09, 2013 at 06:18 PM

LO

“ *I worked with Bev at "The Little Corporal" and she was such a joy to be around. She was always interested in other's lives and showed genuine concern. Many customers requested her on a daily basis. I am glad I was fortunate to know her. God bless you all... Laurie Oswalt*

Laurie Oswalt - October 09, 2013 at 05:32 PM



“ Your mom will be greatly missed by anyone who met her. She was always our driver in junior high and high school when Terri and I wanted to go roller skating or ice skating. I spent so many nights over at the Fortin house that I probably could have started paying rent! :-) It was always great to talk to her, and she would always laugh when Terri's dad was still alive and would tell me to stop kicking him under the dinner table. Whenever we would bring up that memory of him, it made her laugh. Now she can be laughing with him and some of her children and grandchildren in Heaven.

Chris (Mullady) Fisherkeller

Chris Fisherkeller - October 09, 2013 at 02:57 PM

AS

“ What a great lady... My prayers go out to the family.

Andy Stewart - October 09, 2013 at 02:42 PM

DF

“ So sorry for all the family and there loss...



Dwayne & Ken Francoeur - October 09, 2013 at 12:44 PM

PB

“ *To The Fortin Family,*

So sorry for your loss. I remember when I would stop by your home to see Chris & Carol. She was always so nice. I can remember when she was in the same spot at Burch's Park where my Grandma had her home.

Pam Mellinger Bloomquist

PAM MELLINGER BLOOMQUIST - October 09, 2013 at 12:21 PM

KK

“ *Kankakee Kommons lit a candle in memory of Beverly L. Fortin*



Kankakee Kommons - October 09, 2013 at 09:48 AM



Bev was WAY more than just a waitress. She was the primo of waitresses! How she would move SO quickly and efficiently through a dining room with plates of food stacked up and down both arms and never dropping a speck of food. Friendly and every detail to the max. We will all miss her beautiful smile and lively demeanor. Now with her Lord and those loved ones she missed so dearly.

Marijean Kohl - October 09, 2013 at 09:57 AM