



Birdella Brackney

February 5, 1915 - March 7, 2007

Birdella Brackney -- Manteno Visitation for Birdella B. Brackney, 92, of Manteno, will be from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Manteno. An 11 a.m. funeral Mass will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno. Rev. Tom Botheroyd will officiate. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Merkle-Knipprath Nursing Home, Clifton. She died Wednesday (March 7, 2007) at Merkle-Knipprath Nursing Home in Clifton. Mrs. Brackney was retired from Manteno State Hospital, where she had been a telephone operator for 42 years. She was born Feb. 5, 1915, in St. Anne, the daughter of Fritz Sr. and Della Sprimont Kleinert. Her husband, Virgil Brackney, whom she married Feb. 25, 1936, in St. Anne, died Dec. 24, 1969. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno, where she was a member of the Altar and Rosary Society. She loved crocheting, sewing and knitting. Surviving are one sister, Velma Daily of Kankakee; one sister-in-law, Bernice Kleinert of Chebanse; nieces and nephews, Larry and Linda Kleinert, Darryl and Ruth Kleinert, Allyn and Marlis Kleinert, Virginia and Robert Gadbois, Birdie and Larry Stevenson, Charlene and Ronald Rieken, Judy Kahn, Marsha and Gary Bertrand and Linda. Deceased are her parents and three brothers, Herman, William and Fritz Jr.