



Carmela Jean Dornburg

August 19, 1932 - November 23, 2016

Carmela Jean (Armenise) Dornburg, life-long resident of Kankakee, passed away peacefully on November 23, 2016 following a short illness. She was born August 19, 1932 to Carlo and Dora Armenise in Kankakee, IL.

She married John C. “ Jack” Dornburg on December 9, 1951. Along with her most devoted and loving husband of almost 65 years, Carmela leaves behind three daughters: Jacqueline (Jerry) Robinson of Kankakee, Jodie (Bernie) Carey, of Grand Rapids, MN, and Julie (Jon) Bartelt of Geneva, IL. Carmela was the proud grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of 5. She also leaves behind a brother, Joe (Carol) Armenise, of Kankakee, and several nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, Carmela is preceded in death by her brother, Sebastian “Sam” Armenise.

Carmela, along with her husband, Jack, was a long-time owner and operator of Carlo’s Restaurant in Kankakee, a family business started by her father, Carlo. Following her retirement, she was a realtor in Kankakee County, and worked many years at the Jewelry Service Center in Kankakee.

Among the things Carmela loved best were dancing and being with family and friends. She was a member of the Sons of Italy Lodge. She was an amazing cook and the consummate hostess. She will be missed by all who knew her kind heart and generosity.

Visitation will be at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee Sunday, November 27, 2016 from 2-5 pm. A funeral mass will be held at St. Rose of Lima Church, where Carmela was a lifetime member, on Monday, November 28, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Entombment will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any donations please be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley (www.hkvcares.org) or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital (www.stjude.org).

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 27. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

NOV 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Church
486 W. Merchant St.
Kankakee, IL
(815) 933-9391
<http://www.strosekankakee.com/index.htm>

Tribute Wall

MM

“ We really enjoyed visiting with Carmela and Jack while we were at Westwood. She was always so cheerful and pleasant. We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jack and family.

Mary and Tom Maass

Mary and Tom Maass - November 29, 2016 at 01:50 PM

NV

“ So sorry for your loss. Camela was a wonderful lady, I will keep you all in my Prayers



Norma Vaughn - November 28, 2016 at 03:08 PM

CS

“ Carla Scheppler lit a candle in memory of Carmela Jean Dornburg



Carla Scheppler - November 28, 2016 at 12:35 PM

LI

“ Deepest sympathy to the Dornburg and Armenise families.

Linda Chouinard

Linda - November 28, 2016 at 12:25 PM

BP

“ We are extremely sorry for your loss and sending our condolences. We will cherish her memory! We apologize for being unable to make the service sickness has struck. My prayers are with you all. Bruce and Melody Palmateer

Bruce and Melody Palmateer - November 28, 2016 at 08:21 AM

AK

“ My prayers are with all of you. I have such lovely memories of being in the Dornburg kitchen watching Mrs. Dornburg cook while she quietly listened to Jackie and me chat during high school. Such a loving home. Thank you for sharing her with so many of us. Kind regards, Anne Hogan Keegan

Anne Hogan Keegan - November 27, 2016 at 08:24 PM

MR

“ I've had the pleasure of knowing this sweet,generous,beautiful woman for 21 yrs now. I grew to love and cherish over the years. She always had a smile every single time I ever saw her. That's the sign of someone genuinely sweet. I will miss her as everyone else who ever knew her will.

mr and mrs david robinson - November 27, 2016 at 07:58 PM

TC

“ I will keep you all in my prayers. Tina M Corum

Tina Corum - November 27, 2016 at 05:23 PM

DK

“ *Dewey Kilbride lit a candle in memory of Carmela Jean Dornburg*



Dewey Kilbride - November 27, 2016 at 10:53 AM

DK

*Jack and extended family,
My deepest sympathies to all at the loss of your beautiful wife. She will be dearly missed by all, and I especially remember the evenings we shared in Chicago, having a nice dinner, going to the race track, and dancing. May the good lord be with you at this most difficult time.*

Dewey Kilbride - November 27, 2016 at 10:55 AM

LK

“ *Carmela was a lovely woman and I'm sure she will be greatly missed. Our sympathies to her family and friends. We hope that your wonderful memories and what she meant to all of you will give you comfort during this difficult time. Steve & Loretta Krutsinger*

Loretta Krutsinger - November 26, 2016 at 02:21 PM

PZ

“ *My condolences to the family. Years ago we would always plan to stop for lunch at Carlos on station street when we were collecting and changing records on the juke box that resided in their restaurant. Carmela always greeted Ralph and I with that signature smile of hers. A very gracious person and will be missed by all that knew her.*

Paul Ziemer, WA state

Paul Ziemer - November 26, 2016 at 06:34 AM

NW

“ *Dear Jack and family
I'm so sorry for your loss of Carmela. What a wonderful lady she was. I always enjoyed waiting on her and Jack when I was working at Eagles. Her smile and warmth I will always remember. May she Rest In Peace Love Nancy Waller*

Nancy Waller - November 25, 2016 at 05:55 PM

PF

“ *My sincere condolences to the family for the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort and hope from the Bible promise at Isaiah 25:8 that in the near future God (Psalms 83:18) will eliminate forever, death and the sufferings that it brings. So draw close to God in prayers, lean on Him as you cope during this most difficult time.*

pfl - November 25, 2016 at 08:05 AM



“ *Our condolences to your family. Carmela was a wonderful women. The Beach family*

Eric Beach - November 24, 2016 at 10:21 PM

VD

“ *Jack Jackie and all of Carmela's family. My love thoughts and prayers are with all o you today and always. Virginia R Dominick*



Virginia Dommick - November 23, 2016 at 03:19 PM

OS

“ *Our sympathy to Jack and family. She was a warm and friendly individual !*

Oran and Terri Skeldon - November 23, 2016 at 12:31 PM

AF

“ *Annette Frizzell lit a candle in memory of Carmela Jean Dornburg*



Annette Frizzell - November 23, 2016 at 12:18 PM

AF

My thoughts and prayers are with your whole family. She was an amazing lady - loved by all. She will be truly missed.

Annette Frizzell - November 23, 2016 at 12:20 PM

JS

*WE WILL NOT FORGET THE GREAT TIMES WE SPENT DINING AND DANCING AT THE KINGS PALACE AND ESPECIALLY AT THE OLD LOG INN. THE SHONKWILER FAMILY SENDS OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES.
JOANNE AND DARRELL AND FAMILY*

JOANNE & DARRELL SHONKWILER - November 25, 2016 at 09:54 AM

MH

Carmela was a smiling lady who had many friends who loved her. She was a gracious gal who always enjoyed dancing in the years she could. The community will miss her, as will the friends in Quadrille.

Marsha Hill - November 26, 2016 at 04:53 PM

CF

Sorry for your loss .She was and always will be one of my favorite boss's her and Jack LOVE working for them she will be miss.GREAT Lady !!!

christine Fleischmann - November 26, 2016 at 06:27 PM

JD

Words alone cannot express the sadness that we feel for this loss. Our sympathy goes out to the family. Carmela was truly a warm, loving person. And, Jack (and family) you are constantly in our thoughts and prayers.

Joyce and Mel Driver - November 26, 2016 at 08:03 PM