



## Connie Jo Gardner

August 1, 1946 - July 22, 2022

Connie “Jo” Gardner, age 75, of Herscher passed away Friday, July 22, 2022 at her home. She was born August 1, 1946 in Springfield, the daughter of Dorlas Sr. & Freida (Flowers) Hays. Connie grew up in Virden until about 1950, when she moved to Herscher. Jo married Ronald Gardner on December 4, 1976 at Herscher United Methodist Church. He preceded her in death on October 29, 2012.

Connie worked in order processing at General Foods for a few years, then became a stay-at-home mother after having her second child, to raise her family. She enjoyed playing cards, hand & foot, Euchre, crocheting, and playing BINGO. Connie enjoyed cooking. She was a great cook and loved to make food for her family, especially her grandchildren. She enjoyed bowling as well, that’s how she met her husband, Ronald.

Surviving are two sons, Kevin Kepplinger of Herscher and Kyle Gardner (fiancée, Erica Farman) of Limestone; four grandchildren, Victoria Kepplinger of Hanover, MI, Gavin Gardner, Bryson Gardner, and Colton Gardner, all of Limestone; close cousin, Barb McCoy; as well as several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, Ronald Gardner, Connie is preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Dorlas “Buck” Hays Jr.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, July 29, 2022 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 30, 2022, also at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Union Chapel Cemetery in Girard.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

# Cemetery Details

## Union Chapel Cemetery

Hays Rd.  
Girard, IL 62640

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 29. 4:00 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

JUL 30. 10:00 AM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
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# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Jeff Stone lit a candle in memory of Connie Jo Gardner



Jeff stone - August 01, 2022 at 02:58 PM

JS

Happy birthday Connie

Jeff stone - August 01, 2022 at 02:59 PM

SP

“ SUSAN PRIDEMORE lit a candle in memory of Connie Jo Gardner



SUSAN PRIDEMORE - July 28, 2022 at 09:48 AM

SP

Prayers are with Connie's family. She was a very special lady and I will miss her very much.

SUSAN PRIDEMORE - July 28, 2022 at 10:15 AM

JS

“ Jeff Stone lit a candle in memory of Connie Jo Gardner



Jeff stone - July 27, 2022 at 04:05 PM

SU

“ Always so kind, Rest In Peace Connie~



Sue - July 27, 2022 at 12:47 AM

JP

“ Juanita St Pierre lit a candle in memory of  
Connie Jo Gardner



Juanita St Pierre - July 26, 2022 at 11:11 PM

MD

“ I met Aunt Connie by being married to her nephew. Through the years I developed such a great bond with her especially since we shared the same birthday. After my divorce the bond between us remained but my love for her had grown even more. I would traveled a 9/10hr drive to visit with her and then last year for our birthday. This year I had time off work on our birthdays and was set to come visit again but, God had other plans for her and she left us here on earth before our next birthday. The one thing that makes my heart not break is the fact she's not in pain anymore. I miss you Aunt Connie more than words could say. I will always love your sons and new extended family as if I were a blood relative. Today I had a bunch of corn and wanted to freeze it like Aunt Connie did but I stopped when I realized she is no longer here. Always and forever Michelle and boys

Michelle Dudley - July 26, 2022 at 12:20 AM

PE

“ *Paula Emerson lit a candle in memory of  
Connie Jo Gardner*



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**Paula emerson** - July 25, 2022 at 06:13 PM