



Debra L. Gardner

August 24, 1956 - February 8, 2012

Visitation for Debra L. Gardner, 55, of Kankakee, will be from 10 a.m. Saturday until the noon funeral services at St. John's United Church of Christ in Kankakee. The Rev. Barbara Lohrbach will officiate.

Burial will be in St. James Cemetery in Irwin. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. She passed away Wednesday (Feb. 8, 2012) at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, is in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Gardner worked at Kraft General Foods for 16 years. After Kraft closed, she worked in security for 10 years. She was also the caregiver for her father and sister. She was born Aug. 24, 1956, in Kankakee, the daughter of Phillip and Dorothy Leidecker Gardner. She was a member of St. John United Church of Christ. Church was a very important part of her life. She enjoyed dancing and listening to music. She loved hanging out with her friends at Crazy Joe's.

Surviving are her father, of Manteno; one sister, Donna Gardner, of Bourbonnais; one brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Joanna Gardner, of Kankakee; one nephew, Aaron Gardner; and several cousins.

Her mother preceded her in death Sept. 21, 1998.

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery

W. 5000 S. Road
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-4172

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. John United Church Of Christ
1045 W. River
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-3336
<http://www.stjohnucc-kan-il.org/>

Funeral Service

FEB 11. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. John United Church Of Christ
1045 W. River
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-3336
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Tribute Wall

LV

“ *Lorna Young Vinson lit a candle in memory of Debra L. Gardner*



Lorna Young Vinson - February 16, 2012 at 10:51 AM

NA

“ *Nancy(Daniels)See lit a candle in memory of Debra L. Gardner*



Nancy(Daniels)See - February 13, 2012 at 04:45 PM

MT

“ *My prayers are with you for God's peace, His loving embrace to hold you in this sad time and to bring you fond memories.*
Mary (Otten) Thomson



Mary (Otten) Thomson - February 13, 2012 at 07:50 AM

BM

“ *The Westview High School Class of 1975 extends its deepest sympathy to the the Family of Debra. She is well remembered for her cheery attitude and bright smile. May you all be left with nothing but the best of memories and find comfort in the arms of the Lord and his promises to us. Debra was a Christian so she believed that this was not the end but the beginning, so until we see her again with our Heavenly Father, we do not say Goodbye, but 'until we meet again'!* ”

Bill Maass - February 13, 2012 at 01:05 AM



“ *My wife Donna and I feel for your family's loss of a very nice lady. My wife and I knew Debra from her working for years with my mother Dorothy LaGessee who is also no longer with us. I met Debra when I use to go see her for lunch and at the G.F. company picnics. My ma started at G.F. when they first opened many years ago in the old Kankakee A & P food store building that was on East Court St. To when G.F. closed there coupon center in South Kankakee. Debra always remembered me and use to always greet me saying " Hi Ron! How are you doing and how is your ma." he will be missed but she is in a better place smiling down on us all.* ”



Ronald LaGessee - February 11, 2012 at 11:31 PM

GA

“ *To the Debra Gardner family, we extend our heartfelt sympathy Gene Ahlborn family* ”

Gene E Ahlborn - February 11, 2012 at 03:40 PM

MM

“ Debra was such a loveable girl, who was devoted to her family, she will be missed by her St John family. My thoughts and prays are with the family .Mary Maass

Mary Maass - February 11, 2012 at 02:46 PM

JS

“ My sympathy and prayers to the family. I knew Debbie from Crazy Joe's.
God bless, Joan Siefert

Joan Siefert - February 11, 2012 at 09:55 AM

C(

“ I am so sorry to hear this. We been friends for along time....Prayers out to the family. Your gonna be missed. R.I.P. Debbie



CYNDE WILLIAMS (LEHNUS) - February 10, 2012 at 11:40 PM

SG

“ Sandra Green sent a virtual gift in memory of Debra L. Gardner



Sandra Green - February 10, 2012 at 07:29 PM

SG

I was saddened and shocked when I saw this today. I went to school with Debbie. I volunteer at the food pantry in Kankakee and saw her several times. She remembered me before I remembered her. Rest in Paradise. Until we meet again....

Sandra Green - February 10, 2012 at 07:32 PM

SH

“ Shirley Hamende sent a virtual gift in memory of Debra L. Gardner



Shirley Hamende - February 10, 2012 at 07:17 PM

SH

“ Shirley Hamende lit a candle in memory of Debra L. Gardner



Shirley Hamende - February 10, 2012 at 07:13 PM

JH

“ Jennifer Hamende lit a candle in memory of Debra L. Gardner



Jennifer Hamende - February 10, 2012 at 07:12 PM

LA

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Debbie. I just ran into her a few weeks ago and had some laughs. We knew each other for years from Ra-Co/Burns Security. She was a good lady and gone too early in her life.

Lori Anderson - February 10, 2012 at 03:51 PM

DW

“ The Staff and residents of Bourbonnais Terrace would like to offer deepest sympathy for the loss of Debbie. She was a wonderful, caring sister to Donna. We will miss her visits, her quick trips to drop her off pizza! May she truly rest in peace.

Debra Wood - February 10, 2012 at 03:00 PM

BP

“ My sympathy goes to each of the family members. Debby was a wonderful friend who was loved by all who knew her. Her presence at the Wednesday lunches will be greatly missed as well as all of the future get-togethers at the local restaurants.



Beulah Pennell - February 10, 2012 at 01:55 PM

BP

“ Our condolences to Debbie's family.
Crazy Joe's will not be the same without her.
Barb and Bob Pannek

Barbara Pannek - February 10, 2012 at 01:46 PM

PO

“ I would like to extend my condolences to the Gardner family. I know Donna will miss her sister a lot. Debbie was a very good friend of my sister, Mary Gooding, and Debbie, Donna and Dorothy often came to get-togethers at Mary's home. Debbie was very friendly and an upbeat person. I will miss visiting with her.
Pat O'Connor



Pat O'Connor - February 10, 2012 at 11:29 AM