



## Dolores O'Connor

August 16, 1933 - January 6, 2023

Dolores H. (Spangler) O'Connor, 89, of Kankakee, died January 6 at Riverside Medical Center surrounded by family. Visitation will be from 4 pm to 8 pm on Monday, January 9 at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 am Tuesday, January 10 at St. John Paul II Catholic Church, Kankakee. The Reverend Matthew Pratscher will officiate.

Burial will be in St. James the Apostle Catholic Cemetery, Irwin. Memorials may be made to St. John Paul II Catholic Church, Kankakee.

Mrs. O'Connor married Wayne O'Connor on August 18, 1956 at St. James the Apostle Catholic Church, Irwin, celebrating 55 years until his passing. She was a housewife, farmer, and formerly owner and operator of O'C Micro Systems. She also ran O'Connor Country Kennels for 20 years. She was born August 16, 1933, in Chicago, the daughter of Joseph and Stella Ignatowicz Spangler. She was salutatorian of the 1951 graduating class of Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School and also served as a reporter on the BBCHS newspaper staff. She was a very active mother of seven, grandmother of 22, and great-grandmother of 26. She was an involved member of St. John Paul II Catholic church where she served as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, CCW Officer, Past Woman of the Year, and CCD teacher. She loved farm life, especially working with the crops and spending time with her Arabian horses. She spent 30 years as an Election Judge in Limestone Township and after retiring, she volunteered weekly for many years at

Provena St. Mary's Hospital. She had a passion for classic western movies and books, euchre and dominoes and could often be seen in the audience watching family members participate in sports, achieve honors or awards, reach special milestones, or receive sacraments of the Catholic Church. She was the "glue" that kept her children attending the summer O'Connor family reunion for 31 years. You could always count on her humor for telling jokes and sending funny birthday cards.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Shawn O'Connor of Limestone, Kevin and Deb O'Connor of Groveland, and Brandon and Kari O'Connor of Machesney Park; four daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Michael Butz of Westfield, IN, Kathleen and Larry Rieke of Zionsville, IN, Bridget and Stephen Berggren of Chebanse, and Barbara O'Connor of Limestone; 22 grandchildren, Kory (Lindsay) O'Connor, Benjamin (Michelle) O'Connor, Amy (Peter) Blackett, Rebecca Royal, Lucas (Alina) Butz, Sarah (Peter) Schlifke, Tyler (Natalie) Rieke, Connor (Julia) Rieke, Kaylee (Kyle) Gray, Kelsey (Alex) Cairns, Kenzie (Maks) Malec, Tony Souligne, Karen Slater, Dave (Adrienne), Jake, Angel, Nicholas, and Sabrina Souligne, Nathan and Samantha O'Connor, Elizabeth and Matthew O'Connor; 26 great grandchildren; sister Phyllis Bisailon of Herscher; brother Wayne "Buzzy" (Donna) Spangler of Bradley; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Spencer (Tommy) Spangler.

# Cemetery Details

## St. James Cemetery in Irwin

Irwin, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **9**. 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 Mass

JAN **10**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus  
953 South 9th Avenue  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Rest in Heaven, Dolores! You'll be greatly missed. Love and prayers sent to all the Spangler's and O'connor's ❤️🙏✝️🕊️



Jaymie Falkenhan - January 08, 2023 at 11:54 AM

CO

“ I was honored to become her friend and companion. She is the perfect example and inspiration for us all. I am truly sorry for your loss and pray God brings you comfort and peace ❤️

Cindy O'Connor - January 08, 2023 at 09:16 AM

CW

“ Christopher Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Dolores O'Connor



Christopher Wilcox - January 08, 2023 at 08:41 AM



Michael  
Cooper

“ I spent a lot of time at the O'Connor family farm in my early days in grade school and high school with my good friend Shawn. Mrs O'Connor (Dolores) always made me feel welcome and treated me as one of her own. I loved visiting the farm. There was always so much to do. Shawn and I would ride motorcycles and horses, chased and hunted all kinds of critters and I am sure we provided Mrs. O'Connor with a lot of anxious moments with all of our shenanigans. Despite any trouble we may have caused she was always kind warm and forgiving. She made wonderful meals and one of my fondest memories was sitting down to dinner with the entire O'Connor family. You and Wayne raised a wonderful family and you will be sadly missed. Rest in Peace Mrs. O'Connor and if you happen to see my mom and dad while in heaven please tell them I love them and miss them.

Michael Cooper - January 07, 2023 at 07:41 PM

BS

“ Sending condolences to the family

Brenda Stearns - January 07, 2023 at 05:29 PM

JR

I loved being with Mrs. O'Connor. She was always very helpful and so much fun. Whenever you saw her she had a smile on her face. She always had a joke to share and compliments to give. I boarded my dog with her for many years and she was always very thoughtful. I will miss her smiling face.

Joyce Raspolich - January 07, 2023 at 05:55 PM

AP

A strong beautiful and loving matriarch of her family. She was always kind and her kindness was never forgotten. A true blessing to me and all that knew her.❤️. My deepest condolences to the family.

Anita Pomerantz - January 07, 2023 at 07:37 PM