



Doris Marie Hays

October 19, 1933 - October 31, 2015

Doris Marie Hays was born Oct. 19, 1933, in Emington, the daughter of Frank and Lillian Jepson.

She passed away Saturday (Oct. 31, 2015) in Chicago, at the age of 82.

Doris married L. Francis Hays, on Feb. 18, 1950, at St. Mary's Church in Loretta.

Mrs. Hays worked with her husband in business and owned her own business for many years.

She was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary 9961 and served many offices during her 53-year membership, including department state treasurer from 1995 until retiring in 2009. She held the current chairmanship as VAVS representative at Illiana VA in Danville, and state hospital chairman. As a member of 9961, she served as treasurer. Mrs. Hays was also a member of Aroma Park American Legion 1019, Women of the Moose 145, Kankakee, Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary 37, Bloomington, and a life member of the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, Mich. Mrs. Hays also worked on the Loyalty Day programs in the local schools for the past 40 years, was co-chairman for bringing the Moving Wall to Bradley, and reestablishing the Loyalty Day Parade in Bradley.

Surviving are one son, Steven and daughter-in-law Sue, of West Chicago; four daughters, Deborah Gard, of Bourbonnais, Barbara Hinshaw, of Dunlap, Tenn., Francine Nelson and son-in-law Michael, of Momence, Pamela Graham and son-in-law Scott, of Bolingbrook; six grandsons, David and Daniel Olesinski, of Bourbonnais, Christopher Hays, of Aviston, Adrian Graham, of Bolingbrook, Douglas and Samuel Nelson, of Momence; six granddaughters, Kim Fuigel, of Lisle, Anna Barker, of Dekalb, Jennifer Dokken, of Clearwater, Fla., Stephanie Hays-Moore, of Dixon, Dawn Norwick, of Limestone, Kathleen Whipple, of Dunlap, Tenn.; and 23 great-grandchildren. Also surviving is one brother, Robert Jepson, of Lake City, Fla.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband; one daughter, Mary Jane Hays; and two sisters, Betty Martin and Theresa Grandpre.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, also at the funeral home. Burial will be in Aroma Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Dept. of Illinois Cancer Aid and Research Fund or Hospital Fund.

Cemetery Details

Aroma Park Cemetery

2585 S. Sandbar Rd
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-8638

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CV

“ *Debbie,
We are sorry to hear about your mom. We cannot be there but I wanted to let you know that Rodney put your mom on the Holy Souls for prayers and Daily Mass.
Chris & Rodney VanDerKarr*

Chris VanDerKarr - November 04, 2015 at 12:43 AM

IC

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Will keep the family in prayer..*

Ina Cadle - November 03, 2015 at 08:12 PM

JS

“ *To Doris' family: I am so sorry for your loss. Doris was a sweet lady who dedicated her life to our veterans. Thank you Doris for your service to the VFW Auxiliary. Your entire family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

Sincerely, Janet Snow

Janet Snow - November 03, 2015 at 06:58 PM



RG

“ *With deepest sympathies to the family. My history students and I had the privilege of working with Doris on the moveable Vietnam Wall. Her kindness to others was immense. She was a wonderful person and will be warmly remembered. Rebecca Gonski*

rebecca gonski - November 03, 2015 at 02:54 PM



MS

“ Ms Doris, I will sure miss your smile and your friendly hellos. You will be so truly missed by all of us who knew you. So we're so wonderful to the veterans and the staff at the VA. You were an amazing lady. Thank you for all the kindness you have shown us. We have lost an angel and heaven has gained one.

Mary Seyfert

Mary Seyfert - November 02, 2015 at 07:15 PM

GC

“ We will sure miss you Ms. Doris. You did so much for your Veterans here at the Danville VA. You did so much for our female veterans too. You were always so sweet and kind and always smiling. We all love you here in the Women's Clinic. You were an amazing lady and one of the best Volunteers we've ever had. RIP sweet lady. Heaven gained a true Angel.



Gina Dixon, VA Women's Clinic Clerk - November 02, 2015 at 03:23 PM

KD

“ Heartfelt Sympathy to Doris's Family, what an amazing lady, Heaven definitely received an Angel! She will be truly missed by all of us at Illiana Health Care System and especially recreation therapy and Voluntary Services.



Kimberly Dalbey - November 02, 2015 at 02:57 PM

SW

Debbie and family. The sweetest angel has moved up in ranks to continue her duties for the Lord. Will miss her deeply. Susan Wells Iroquois County VFW 7450 Aux.

Susan Wells - November 02, 2015 at 06:50 PM