



## Ellen Gholston

July 1, 1943 - September 21, 2009

Visitation for Ellen A. Gholston, 66, of Kankakee, will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, in the chapel at Mound Grove Gardens. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. She died Monday (Sept. 21, 2009) at her home. Ms. Gholston had worked for the state for 44 years. She was an employee of Shapiro Developmental Center and had also worked at Manteno Mental Health Center. She was born July 1, 1943, in Kankakee, the daughter of William and Mercedes DeVan Brookshaw. She married Willie G. Gholston. Surviving are one daughter, Sibyl Padmore of Chandler, Ariz.; two grandchildren, William and Kalen Padmore; five sisters and one brother-in-law, Charmaine Woods and Carolyn O. Moore, both of Kankakee, Thelma Brookshaw of Park Forest, Mary V. Brookshaw and Judy M. and Bert Dear Jr., all of Kankakee; and four brothers and one sister-in-law, William and Bonnie Brookshaw and Stephen Brookshaw, all of Memphis, Tenn., Lawrence T. Brookshaw of Bourbonnais, and Dr. Michael Brookshaw of Winston-Salem, N.C.; special aunt, Eleanor Boston of Des Moines, Iowa; and two special friends, Chloe Hicks and Jacquelyn Love King; and a host of nieces and nephews. Deceased are her parents; one daughter, Stephanie; two brothers, Jeffrey and Theodore; and one sister, Eleanor.

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“ Ellen,  
  
Thank you for your kindness and your straight forward ways!##imported-begin##Tyler and Jenny Tall##imported-end##

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“ My deepest Sympathy to the family of Ellen Gholston.##imported-begin##Margaret Archie##imported-end##

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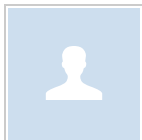
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“ Family, you are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Carolyn Hairston Rice##imported-end##

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“ My prayers are with the Brookshaw and Gholston family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Elayne Coffie##imported-end##

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“ Just a few months ago we laughed and talked about retiring from our jobs, to move to Arizona and enjoy life. It was cut to short, too soon. I know all too well the loss of a Mother, but know that Ellen will be missed, and know that God will see you (sibil) through, hold on and my ear is always available to pray you through. Love you Barbara###imported-begin##Barbara Rosenthal###imported-end##

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“ To the Gholston, family I have my love prayer because I know how you feel I have been there.###imported-begin##Minnie Brewster###imported-end##

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“ NULL###imported-begin##Barbara Rosenthal###imported-end##

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“ Ellen Ann, you are gone too soon; but you will not be forgotten!###imported-begin##Jean Williams###imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy to Ellen's family. I enjoyed the time that I shared with Ellen. I remember when I lost my sister Ellen was always there to comfort me. Love you and miss you. The Jackson's###imported-begin##Joseph & Elaine Jackson###imported-end##

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“ May Almighty God hold all of the highly regarded Brookshaw Family in HIS care during this trying time. <br><br>Trust God, knowing that the demise of your beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt & friend to us all has GONE ON TO BE WITH OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, "JESUS, the CHRIST."<br><br><br><br>The last time I saw "Ann" was @ my mother's wake, 10/31/05, when she showed her respects.<br><br><br><br>I asked Ann if I could have a hug and we embraced each other. Ann was truly a sweetheart and I too, knew it.<br><br><br><br>My prayers are sincerely with you all.<br><br><br>May God Bless all of you. Be encouraged.##imported-begin##Rev. Danny C. Brewster,Sr.,M.Div##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Patricia Jamison##imported-end##

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“ Ms. Ann,<br><br>You're gone to soon... All I know is that someone in Heaven must have needed to hear the truth,and to hear it soon...<br><br>I'll miss your laughter,friendship,and the "Breath of Fresh air",that was all about you...<br><br>Rest in Peace...<br><br>Melody##imported-begin##Melody Presswood##imported-end##

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“ Ellen was a frequent shopper in Carson's while I worked there. I even was able to know her grandson, William, while I worked in the children's department (a while ago). Ellen soon became a friend instead of a customer. I quit Carson's three years ago, but always wondered about Ellen. I was saddened to read about her death. William, she was so proud of you!! My condolences to the family.##imported-begin##Kay Bryant##imported-end##

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“ From my brothers, Amir and Tristan Flanigan and myself, we would like to send our deepest sympathies to the Brookshaw family and friends. You are all in our prayers.##imported-begin##Celeste Flanigan##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy to Ellen's family. I remember out of all of our conversations, I would always end up on the listening end. God Bless Her##imported-begin##Sharon Dixon##imported-end##

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“ It was a shock to hear of Ann's passing. She came to visit us in Arizona with Sybil and we had a very nice visit. I was in Kankakee only a week before and had to return for several funerals and was glad to see all the family. Our deepest sympathy to all her family and friends.##imported-begin##Joe And Anthonette Bisselle##imported-end##

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“ Look to the hills from whence cometh your help, your help comes from the Lord. At a time of such sorrow, isn't it wonderful to know your loved one is resting in the presence of God. Ellen was a no-nonsense woman, straight to the point. She left an impression on my life. The care she gave and the love she showed for her family was an inspiration. May our God of infinite wisdom wrap your family in His loving arms and bestow upon you peace.##imported-begin##Dorothy L. Riley##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy to all of you. I would very much like to attend the visitation but I will be working at Carsons. That's how I knew Ellen. Every Friday and Saturday night she would come in the store - just to look or perhaps to buy. We had many nice conversations - especially about you, her family - you were her pride and joy, especially her two grandsons. She was so proud of you. I have two sons and we would talk and enjoy stories about our families. Ellen was a very special lady - she always had a smile, at least for me, and a kind work. I will miss her very much.##imported-begin##Kathy Shanahan##imported-end##

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“ I am the granddaughter of Eleanor (Devan) Boston and daughter of Larry and Maria Hawkins. I would like to extend my condolences to my family. I have very fond memories of Ellen from attending family reunions in Des Moines and during our holiday visits. God Bless everyone and R.I.P. Ellen.<br><br><br><br>Love, <br><br><br><br>Bauni Hawkins-Motton<br><br>##imported-begin##Bauni (Hawkins) Motton##imported-end##

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“ Dear Willie, <br><br> I and my wife Mary are very sorry for the loss of your wife Ellen. <br><br> I worked with you at k3 Roper in 63 & 64 ! Again - Very sorry Willie ! <br><br> Larry & Mary Yarno###imported-begin##Larry Yarno###imported-end##

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“ You will be missed by so many may you rest in peace. God bless.###imported-begin##Tabytha Dunigan###imported-end##

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“ Our prayers are with the family at this time. Ellen will be greatly missed by us.###imported-begin##Michael & Rita Morris###imported-end##

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“ She will be missed around the table when her kinfolds come to town. A dear friend.###imported-begin##Sam Dunigan###imported-end##

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“ "Wishing you comfort and peace at this difficult time".###imported-begin##Vanessa A. Holden###imported-end##

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