



Emelda "Millie" Bertrand

June 2, 1933 - December 20, 2012

Emelda "Millie" Ouellette Bertrand died peacefully Thursday (Dec. 20, 2012) at her home in Bourbonnais. She worked 10 years at Amberg File and Index and retired after 19 years of working in the lunch programs at the Bourbonnais Upper Grade Center and Noel LeVasseur Elementary School.

She was a lifetime member of the Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society and a lifetime member of the Friends of the Bourbonnais Public Library District and the Friends of the Kankakee Public Library. She enjoyed playing euchre, reading, and designing computer greeting cards. She married John J. Bertrand on Nov. 4, 1961, and he preceded her in death May 22, 2005.

She is survived by three children, Madonna Bertrand, of Bradley, Laura Bertrand, of Bourbonnais, and Stephen Bertrand, of Kankakee; brother and sister-in-law, Gerald and Shirley Ouellette, of Bradley; brother, Leon Ouellette and friend Deborah Mikels, of Bradley; brother-in-law, Robert Beland, of Bourbonnais; and sister-in-law, Flora Ouellette, of West Virginia; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Armeline and Lawrence McCawley of Kankakee.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Conrad and Julia Ouellette; sister, Geneva Beland; brothers, Joseph, Norman and Delbert Ouellette; sisters-in-law, Frances, Carole and Karen Hupp Ouellette; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Dan Clements.

Her extended family includes Mary, Jason and Jared Moorhouse; Jeremy Stump; and Allison and Moran Beasley. Her special grandchildren are Andrew and Parker Beasley, Samantha Kurzweil and Lorelai Moorhouse.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. The funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Maternity BVM Catholic Church. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

DEC **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

TB

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to all of her family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.* ”



Tim & Vickie Bertrand - January 12, 2013 at 09:21 PM

DH

“ *"Ma B" was my favorite and longest pen pal. From the time Steve and I were at U of I until this year, Ma B never failed to deliver a holiday card and let me know she was thinking of me, whether I was near or far. My deepest sympathies to Steve, Madonna, Laura and the entire family.* ”

Dennis Hinton - December 25, 2012 at 07:31 PM

JK

“ *I will really miss you Aunt Emelda!! I have great memories of you and Uncle John playing cards and me running around your house. I cherish the gifts you and Uncle John would send me for my birthday and the attention you gave me as your godson. I will miss your emails at work to me, they made me smile when I was stressed and having bad days. I wish we could have had a few more emails.....* ”



Love, John

John Kanta - December 24, 2012 at 10:07 AM

BD

“ *Becky Davis lit a candle in memory of Emelda "Millie" Bertrand*



Becky Davis - December 22, 2012 at 04:32 PM

KB

“ *I will miss my email chats with Aunt Emelda talking over her favorite books and PBS dramas. Every memory I have of Aunt Emelda is of the joy she experienced from her family. I don't ever remember her with anything but a smile. We love you and miss you Aunt Em.*

Kathleen Brulc - December 22, 2012 at 04:06 PM

RF

“ *Bertrand Family:*

We played euchre with Emelda, Leon, Geneva and Bob for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sorry, we can't express our sympathy in person.

Ralph/Natalene (Nat) Ferrari

Ralph/Natalene Ferrari - December 22, 2012 at 08:13 AM

V.

“ *Sending condolences to family and friends at this time of grief. The death of a love one brings much pain and sorry to our hearts that will never be forgotten. Our hearts can have much joy from the promises of the resurrection found in the Holy Bible. Almighty God Jehovah did not purpose for us to die, beause He is a God of love. (1 John 4:8) Please find comfort in knowing that pain, sickness, and death will be a thing of the past. (Revelation 21:3&4)*

V.G. - December 22, 2012 at 03:41 AM