



Ethel M. McKay

September 26, 1921 - May 12, 2017

Ethel M. McKay, age 95, of Kankakee, passed away Friday, May 12, 2017 at Presence Merkle-Knipprath Nursing Home in Clifton.

Ethel was born September 26, 1921 in Dixon, the daughter of Charles & Augusta Treece Entwistle.

She married Howard R. McKay on January 14, 1944; he preceded her in death on September 24, 1984.

Ethel was a homemaker and an accomplished seamstress. She enjoyed sports, especially baseball, and loved attending her children's activities and sporting events. She had also been an election judge.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Howard & Ruth McKay of Memphis, TN and Donald & Cecilia McKay of Dallas, TX; one daughter, Kathy Jackson of Kankakee; seven grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Ruth; and two brothers, Charles and Freddy.

Visitation will be held 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Rev. Scott Henley will officiate the service.

Interment will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Aroma Twp. Memorial may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Kathy and family,
I could not have asked for better neighbors than Ethel and Howard.
Julie (who Ethel called "Cookie Monster") and Sarah loved them
very much.
You are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Karen Riml, Brunswick, Maine*

Karen L. Riml - May 17, 2017 at 05:56 PM

SM

“ *Grandma, we will miss you so much. Thank you for everything you
did for us grandkids. We will pass your love and patience on to our
children and grandchildren. Love you always. Sean, Mandy and Ava
McKay*

Sean McKay - May 17, 2017 at 06:55 AM

SB

“ *Sweet Ethel, what a wonderful lady she was with just the greatest
sense of humor.
I'm writing for mom and myself, my mom is Lila Hull a long time
friend of Ethel's.
She is in a home in Florida and unable to use a phone. She would
be so sorry to
hear about her friend, they hung around together for years and
really enjoyed each
other's company. On behalf of my mom and I, our very heartfelt
sympathy goes out
to her family.*

Sandy Benedict, Chester, Illinois

Sandy Benedict - May 16, 2017 at 10:28 AM

GY

“ *ethel was a great woman iam glad to spend a lot of time with her gerard*

gerard e yuknis - May 15, 2017 at 02:12 PM

LT

“ *Ethel was a great friend to my mother and father, Rita and Milton Schultz -- and also to my aunt and uncle, Peg and Fran Kroha. They spent many Saturday evenings playing cards. She was a wonderful and generous lady and always kind to me and my children. I am sad to hear of her passing. My condolences to the family.*

Lisa Themer, Kankakee, IL

Lisa Themer - May 15, 2017 at 12:17 PM