



Fern E. Arch

September 23, 1933 - December 10, 2012

Visitation for Fern E. Arch, 79, of Kankakee, will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the American Lutheran Church in Bourbonnais, where she was a member.

Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township. Memorials may be made to Prairieview Lutheran Home, Danforth, the American Lutheran Church or to Alzheimer's research. She died Monday (Dec. 10, 2012) at Prairieview Lutheran Home.

Mrs. Arch was a homemaker. She also worked as an administrative assistant at Kennedy Upper Grade Center and did oil coloring for Blankenburg Studios. She was born Sept. 23, 1933, in Benson, the daughter of Joseph and Carrie Moritz Eckhoff. She enjoyed doing cross-stitch and crafts.

Surviving are her husband, Duane Arch, of Kankakee, whom she married May 3, 1953, in Benson; four daughters, Judy and Robert Busing, of Decatur, Terri and Alvin Maurice, of Landsdale, Pa., Debi and Michael Langelier, of Grapevine, Texas, and Nancy Arch and Dee Volpe, of Antioch, Tenn.; five grandchildren, Jennie (Chris) Aikman, and daughters, Marissa and Callie; Jacki Busing, Amy Maurice, Alison Maurice and Chase Langelier; one sister, Carolyn Rauh, of Metamora; and one brother, Marvin and Pat Eckhoff, of Benson.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 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

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Lutheran Church
1560 Career Center Road
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-7515
<http://www.alcbourbonnais.org/>

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Just came across this today, so sorry for the delay. I knew Fern as one of the nice mothers of my Sunday school classmates at the American Lutheran Church on the southside of Kankakee. She was always good and kind to me. My deepest sympathy to the family for her loss. My mother Bea, who used to do sewing with her at the church sends her sympathy as well. I knew from my Aunt Nelda Schrader that she had been ill for awhile but did not know she passed away. I have no doubt she is with her Lord today.

Bill Maass - May 03, 2013 at 12:42 PM

GA

“ I worked with Fern at Kennedy. She was always so sweet and helpful. I missed her when she had to stop working. I also had her daughter Nancy in my class and thought she was such a fine student and a girl that was helpful and kind and sweet like her mother. My sympathy goes out to the whole family.
Genevieve Norton Arnold

genevieve norton arnold - December 16, 2012 at 08:36 AM

AT

“ Duane, my thoughts and prayers are with you today. The memories you have will long outlast the pain you feel in losing Fern. Best regards, Ann Busse Tucker

Ann Busse Tucker - December 13, 2012 at 09:36 AM

LE

“ She handled the paperwork of the Estes Bunch, we all went to school at Kennedy, James Larry, Kelley, Luella, Austin III, and Michael. You are in our thoughts..

Luella Estes - December 13, 2012 at 01:33 AM

RM

“ Sorry we cannot be there at this time but the family will be in our thoughts and prayers. We send our sympathy and love during this final farewell. "Duane, we will get together for a DQ in the spring and celebrate Fern's life." Rose and Melvin

Rose Marcotte - December 12, 2012 at 02:41 PM

DS

“ My sympathies to all of you - Duane, Judy, Terri, Debi and Nancy. We had great times living across the street from all of you! I remember watching your Mom color the senior class pictures!

Dianne Star - December 12, 2012 at 12:39 PM

DC

My sympathy to you Duane, and your girls. Hear about you all the time from Aunt Jo Merten. You are a great neighbor to her. Remember are times at Armour Pharmaceutical Co. and our good ole Cullom roots. Take care and God Bless

Dennis W. Clark - December 14, 2012 at 11:44 AM