



Gail Louise Wanner

August 4, 1935 - July 12, 2020

Gail Louise Wanner passed away at her home on Sunday, July 12, 2020, at the age of 84. She was born August 4, 1935 in Manteno, the daughter Albert & Delia Simpson. She married Alvin Wanner Jr. on June 22, 1953. He preceded her in death in March of 1991. They had three children, Cheryl, Lawrence, and Regina. Louise worked for many years for Dr. Raymond Malott and then for 57 consecutive years for the accounting firms of Mike Joyce, Dale Kiedaisch and Jodi K. Gill. Louise could be found volunteering for many organizations in Manteno. Her claim to fame was being the founder of the Cystic Fibrosis Bike-A-thon, which raised funds for research. Each year hundreds of children looked forward to riding bicycles of all sizes as many miles as they could. Later, when these children became young adults, she was the co-founder of the Cystic Fibrosis Golf Outing, which also raised funds for research, in memory of her daughter, Regina. She received the Manteno Historical Society Citizen of the Year Award in 2015. She was chosen as Manteno Chamber Executive of the Year and received the Manteno Rotary Club Service Above Self Award. She also served as a Trustee for the Manteno United Methodist Church, a Trustee for the Elmwood Cemetery, and the Manteno Fire Dept. She volunteered for the Manteno Oktoberfest each and every year as well as the Manteno Ride 4 Life event to raise money for cancer research. Surviving are her daughter, Cheryl (Gary) Hammond of Manteno; two nieces, Donna (Anthony) Burtyk Scotto and Kimberly Ahlborn Mailoux; nephews, Michael Burtyk and Scott Ahlborn; as well as several great

nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, Alvin Wanner Jr., she was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Lawrence; a daughter, Regina; two infant brothers, Franklin and Laben Eugene Simpson, her brother, Albert Lee Simpson; her sister and brother-in law, Eileen & Michael Burtyk; and sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Carol Wanner Lindell and Gene Lindell. The family would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to the gals from Loving Care Senior Care Givers as well as Hospice of Kankakee Valley for the care Louise received the past couple of months. Visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. until the time of the 3:00 p.m. prayer service on Saturday July 18,2020 at Clancy Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno. Visitation and services are open to the public as long as you wear a mask and practice social distancing guidelines. Private burial will be held at Elmwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Cystic Fibrosis Research or the family wishes.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

9000 E. Road
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 468-7891

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
291 N. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
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Prayer Service

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Tribute Wall

DJ

“*Friendship of 75 years...Manteno Panther classmates...weddings, children and more. Louise & I did not have to live close or be together to remain friends. So many good times, laughter always...how I will miss my friend. Could always pick right up...no matter how long in between visits or phone calls. Two years ago we got to see one another and have lunch together...how I will treasure that memory. To Cheryl and her family...you have my heartfelt sympathy. The world has lost a bright light...now a star.*

Love, Delaine Jacobs...formerly of Manteno, Peotone...now residing in Peoria, AZ

Delaine Jacobs - July 26, 2020 at 06:24 PM

CP

“*I met Louise a few years back while volunteering for, Manteno Oktoberfest. I found her to be the most helpful caring person. She had a wonderful sense of humor too. I thank God for the pleasure of meeting her and I will miss Louise. God Bless you Louise. Cara*

Cara Parker - July 26, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“*When I think of Louise I always remember how she was the "gravy queen" of the Manteno Methodist church Swiss Steak Supper. Even when she was not well she always showed up for the gravy making task. There would be taste, add a little of this and that, taste, till it was just right. And when Sonny passed away Louise was the first person at his visitation. A very special person Louise was*

Phyllis Manker - July 24, 2020 at 02:25 PM

MC

“ *Mrs Wanner was like a 2nd mother to me.
Forever in peace.
Marshell Crider*



Marshell Crider - July 18, 2020 at 02:10 AM



“ *Garden Accent - "My Mother kept a garden..."
was purchased for the family of Gail Louise
Wanner.*



July 16, 2020 at 09:27 AM

SH

“ *Louise was one of a kind special lady. Know the last year or so has
been rough on her and you and Gary. Know she is going to be
missed by so many. Our condolences to you both. Gary & Sue
Hoskins*

Sue Hoskins - July 15, 2020 at 07:34 PM

JM

“ *My deepest sympathy to Cheryl and Gary. Cheryl, I can't begin to
tell you how much you remind me of your Mom. Always smiling is
my fondest memory of her.*

Joan Barten Marschner - July 15, 2020 at 05:20 PM

NS

“ Nancy Shear lit a candle in memory of Gail Louise Wanner



Nancy Shear - July 15, 2020 at 11:55 AM

LG

“ Lisa Garrison lit a candle in memory of Gail Louise Wanner



Lisa Garrison - July 14, 2020 at 10:49 PM

JB

“ I went to school with Larry and we were close friends so I remember Mrs. Wanner (I never called her my her first name) very well. I spent a lot of time at their house and always felt like a welcome guest in her home.

Two things I remember the most. 1) They always had RC cola and 2) I spent the night at their home the night Robert Kennedy was assassinated. I still remember getting up as early with Larry and turning on the television to hear the terrible news. Larry went in and woke his parents up and together we watched as it was being reported.

Mrs. Wanner ALWAYS treated me well.

My prayers and thoughts go out to Larry and Cheryl. God bless.

Joe Baird - July 14, 2020 at 04:59 PM

PJ

“ Louise will be so very missed by everyone in our community. My condolences to both Gary and Cheryl on their loss. I wish I could be with you all this Saturday, but unfortunately, I'll be out of town. I'll send my heartfelt prayers. Paula Jett

PAULA L JETT - July 14, 2020 at 04:26 PM

JN

“ Kevin and I were so sorry to hear of Your moms passing. Louise and I had some great fun times together. We go way back to church in Peotone. Please know she's in our prayers and will be missed greatly.

janis nugent - July 14, 2020 at 03:30 PM

MM

“ A real Sweetheart & a Class act, my condolences to Cheryl & Gary !!!

Mike Marshall - July 14, 2020 at 03:18 PM

BH

“ Bryan & Joelene Hays lit a candle in memory of Gail Louise Wanner



Bryan & Joelene Hays - July 14, 2020 at 02:43 PM

SG

“ Steve And Linda Garrison lit a candle in memory of Gail Louise Wanner



Steve and Linda Garrison - July 14, 2020 at 11:14 AM

DD

“ I've enjoyed working with her for many years on the Oktoberfest committee. She was always bright and cheerful to all and will be missed. Prayers for her family.



Douglas Davis - July 14, 2020 at 10:35 AM

PG

“ Patrick Gee lit a candle in memory of Gail Louise Wanner



Patrick Gee - July 14, 2020 at 08:57 AM

TL

“ Remember riding in the very first bike a thon. My deepest sympathies to the family. Mom and her were friends.

Theresa Reick Littlejohn - July 13, 2020 at 10:52 PM

AS

“ My heart goes out to Cheryl and Gary for your tremendous loss. So very happy we were able to spend time with them and Aunt Louise last month.



Anthony Scotto - July 13, 2020 at 09:07 PM

CD

“ Chuck & Nancy Dixon lit a candle in memory of Gail Louise Wanner



Chuck & Nancy Dixon - July 13, 2020 at 08:41 PM

BR

“ Bobbie Kruger Ruyle lit a candle in memory of Gail Louise Wanner



Bobbie Kruger Ruyle - July 13, 2020 at 08:37 PM

TM

“ Cheryl, you and your mom helped so many people get through grief in their lives. It has always just been a given that you would be there. I hope I can be there 1/2 as much for you
You know she is having a martini and a smile right now.



tonia Morez - July 13, 2020 at 07:14 PM

Brenda
Grace

“ Cheryl, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I loved your mother and she was just a wonderful human being. She also had a great sense of humor which I thoroughly enjoyed.

Brenda Grace - July 13, 2020 at 05:18 PM

PS

“ Cheryl my thoughts and prayers are with you..your mom was wonderful and kind and had a great sense of humor.. Loved to hear her laugh!💕💕



pam schwerin - July 13, 2020 at 05:04 PM

DD

“ Deborah Dameron lit a candle in memory of Gail Louise Wanner



Deborah Dameron - July 13, 2020 at 04:47 PM

MF

“ Michael Favors lit a candle in memory of Gail Louise Wanner



Michael Favors - July 13, 2020 at 04:08 PM



“ *Delaina Caise lit a candle in memory of Gail Louise Wanner*



Delaina Caise - July 13, 2020 at 04:03 PM