



Gertrude M. Brenneisen

June 6, 1918 - October 20, 2013

Visitation for Gertrude M. "Gert" Brenneisen, 95, of Kankakee, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Kankakee, where she was a member. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Kankakee. Memorials may be made to Presence St. Mary's Hospital Volunteer Department or to the Gift of God Street Church and Homeless Ministry. She passed away Sunday (Oct. 20, 2013) at Presence St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee.

Mrs. Brenneisen was a technician at St. Mary's Hospital, retiring in 1983. She was also a waitress in the area for many years. She was born June 6, 1918, in Watseka, the daughter of Meddie and Jeannette Besse Francoeur. Her husband, Louis John Brenneisen, whom she married July 27, 1940, in Davenport, Iowa, passed away April 5, 1983. She was a longtime volunteer at St. Mary's Hospital.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Gregory and Candice Brenneisen, of Bradley; one daughter, Cathy Reed, of Kankakee; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Janet Ferren; one son, Gary; three sisters, Viola Havens, Stella Lafond and Odora Davis; one

brother, Francis "Bud" Francoeur; and one son-in-law, Wally Reed.

Memorials may be made to Presence St. Mary's Volunteer Department - www.provena.org/stmarys/

or Gift of God Street Church and Homeless Ministry - www.giftofgodstreetchurch.com

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

OCT **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Church
486 W. Merchant St.
Kankakee, IL
(815) 933-9391
<http://www.strosekankakee.com/index.htm>

Tribute Wall

AD

“ *Cathy I was so sorry to here of the passing of your Mom I always enjoyed her and was out of town when she passed. I know you have many good memories. Be blessed Alice Benjamin Decker*

Alice Benjamin Decker - November 02, 2013 at 09:18 AM

RG

“ *I first met Gert at St. Mary's when she worked there. I did also. I dated Tom Goetzler for four years off and on and met Kathy and Wally through him. Gert was always about other people. Whether it was about meeting, greeting, or serving them as a waitress, she enjoyed what she was doing and always left you with a smile. The last time I saw her at St. Joseph's Church a few months back, she was more frail but I extended my hand at peace time and then spoke to her after Mass. Still, she was smiling. My sympathy and prayers are with the family. Kathy and Wally may not remember me, but I also knew Greg from Riverside. And so, for Gert, the cycle of life is complete.*

Rusty Gash - October 24, 2013 at 11:18 AM

TD

“ *Timothy Dee lit a candle in memory of Gertrude M. Brenneisen*



timothy dee - October 24, 2013 at 09:53 AM

BF

“ My friend, you have taken a special place in my heart. I enjoyed spending time with you and being part of your life's journey. You were a very special woman. You have given more to us than you could know. I know the last few months have been difficult for you and your reward is heaven, for you are truly an angel. I can see you dancing, drinking martini's and hitting the slot machine. God bless you Gert!



Betty Franks - October 23, 2013 at 10:05 AM

VB

“ Gert you are going to be deeply missed. We enjoyed her so much at St. Mary's Hospital from our Central Stores Dept. We looked forward to seeing her on Tuesdays when she would help us label our stock. We got to know her more like a family member. Once we took her on a road trip and she & us had so much fun. Even out to eat was a treat. We enjoyed listening to her stories about her life over the years. We would have her favorite stock just for her to label like the baby wipes & sponge gauze. We would get a chuckle when she would say it's not going to fit in the bin or box and we would say it will fit Gert and she made it fit. Or if she had 1 label left over for an item she thought it should always come out with no labels left and we would tell her we had extra. We loved her goodies she would bake for us. She loved to try new recipes. I know you are baking up some goodies in heaven for your loved ones. May You Rest in Peace Gert. Love & Miss You,
Vickie & Tim Bertrand

Vickie Bertrand - October 21, 2013 at 10:07 PM