



## Gertrude M. Lipka

July 11, 1928 - January 18, 2016

Gertrude “Gert” M. Lipka, 87, of Manteno, Ill., and formerly of Monee, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 18, 2016. She was born July 11, 1928, in Chicago, Ill., the daughter of Daniel and Marguerite Kennedy. Gert married Donald R. Lipka on September, 16, 1946, in Chicago, and he preceded her in death on February 17, 1999.

Gert was the mother of three beautiful daughters, two of which preceded her in death, the adoring Patricia (Richard) Wax and Marilyn Lipka; She is survived by her loving daughter Janet (Bob) Jares; cherished grandmother of Ryan (Becky) and Jessica Wax, Michael Strazzabosco, Mari and Robert (Kathy) Jares; great grandmother of Emma and Madeline Wax, Ava Strazzabosco, and Baron Oeler; Gert's sisters, Mary Kennedy and Catherine Kearns preceded her in death; She is also survived by her youngest sister, Margie (Wayne) Graham; She was adorned by many nieces and nephews.

Gert was a long-time parishioner and volunteer at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Park Forest, Ill. and retired from Jewel-Osco after many years of service. Gert had an infectious smile and such a positive outlook on life. She was a strong Irish woman with a great deal of pride for her Chicago roots. Gert will be missed dearly by everyone that she encountered in her long and exceptional life that was full of love, wisdom, and selflessness.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home on Thursday, January 21, 2016 in Manteno, Ill. Gert's funeral will take place the following morning, January 22, 2016 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Park Forest, Ill. She will be laid to rest next to her loving husband Don and daughter Marilyn at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Worth, Ill.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

Alsip, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 21. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
291 N. Main St.  
Manteno, IL 60950  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Mass

JAN 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
227 Monee Rd  
Park Forest, IL

# Tribute Wall

KS

“ *Our loving thoughts to all in Aunt Gert's family. We cherish the memories of time spent with Aunt Gert and Uncle Donny, always joy and laughter! Sad that we can't be with you, we send our heartfelt thoughts and prayers. Ken & Sheri Schauer*

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**Ken & Sheri Schauer** - January 21, 2016 at 03:03 PM

JA

*Thank you Ken an Sheri.....we had a beautiful ceremony and celebrated her long, loving, life. I will miss her forever....Janet*

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**Janet** - January 26, 2016 at 03:44 PM

JB

“ *So many memories!!! Gert-Thank You for being a part of lives! You lit up our hearts and every room you ever walked into. We will think of you and smile! Love, Jim, Pat, Colleen, Joe, Jeb, Yenny and all the kids. We know you and Don got a nice room next door to the girls!*

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**Jim Boyle** - January 21, 2016 at 10:34 AM

JA

*Thank you Jim and Pat, We sure have some wonderful memories....love you all!*

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**Janet** - January 26, 2016 at 03:46 PM

JB

“ 5 files added to the album *Cherished, Loved and Missed*



**Jim Boyle** - January 21, 2016 at 10:21 AM

AW

*Gert your finally reunited with your loving husband Don. You led a fantastic life and anyone whoever met you is a better person because of it. God Bless and Welcome home to the House Of the Lord. Amen*

**Alan Ward** - January 21, 2016 at 06:41 PM

JA

*Thank you Alan, such kind and thoughtful words...God Bless you too!*

**Janet** - January 26, 2016 at 03:47 PM

RW

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



**Ryan Wax** - January 20, 2016 at 09:09 PM