



Gertrude "Tootie" Surprenant

June 28, 1925 - December 10, 2017

Gertrude "Tootie" Surprenant, 92, of Chebanse, passed away on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at Presence Merkle-Knipprath in Clifton. She was born on June 28, 1925, in Watseka, to Eddie & Lucina Castongia Fortin. Tootie married John Surprenant on November 17, 1945 at St. Patrick's Church in Kankakee.

Tootie was a farm wife. She had also worked at Bear Brand Hosiery and at Florence Stove Company during WWII making mine boxes. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary. She was also a member of St. John Paul II West Campus, formerly St. Martin of Tours. Tootie enjoyed playing cards. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandkids.

Tootie is survived by her husband, John, of Chebanse; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Bill Surprenant, of Chebanse and Larry (Jackie) Surprenant, of Denison, IA; ten grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and one sister-in-law, Evelyn Surprenant, of Momence.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Lynn Daniels; four brothers; three sisters; seven brothers-in-law; and two sisters-in-law.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Funeral mass will

be at 10:00 am on Friday, December 15, 2017 at St. John Paul II West Campus in Kankakee. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Beaverville.

Memorials may be made to the Kankakee VFW or to the masses.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Beaverville, IL 60912
(815) 435-2006

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **14**. 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

DEC **15**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus
953 South 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

LN

“ *Les & Greta Naese lit a candle in memory of Gertrude "Tootie" Surprenant*



Les & Greta Naese - December 13, 2017 at 02:28 PM

LN

Deepest Sympathies to the family, prayers of comfort for you at this time.

Les & Greta Naese - December 13, 2017 at 02:29 PM

JH

“ *Jeffrey Hanson lit a candle in memory of Gertrude "Tootie" Surprenant*



Jeffrey Hanson - December 12, 2017 at 06:38 PM

JH

May your soul always be in the warmth of Heaven's light. I will always remember as kids, sweet corn picking time of year on the farm, the old screen porch next the house and of course the dirt cellar.... Love you Aunt Tootie!!!!

Jeffrey Hanson - December 12, 2017 at 06:48 PM

MH

“ *Michael Hanson lit a candle in memory of Gertrude "Tootie" Surprenant*



michael hanson - December 12, 2017 at 01:45 PM

VF

“ *She will be missed for sure. I remember growing up my dad would take us to the farm & Aunt Tootie would make the best homemade milkshakes growing up we always looked forward to going to the farm on Sundays. May you R.I.P. Aunt Tootie*

Vicky Fortin - December 12, 2017 at 10:57 AM

VF

“ *Vicky Fortin lit a candle in memory of Gertrude "Tootie" Surprenant*



Vicky Fortin - December 12, 2017 at 10:54 AM

JF

“ *Janet Fortin lit a candle in memory of Gertrude "Tootie" Surprenant*



Janet Fortin - December 12, 2017 at 10:49 AM

RH

“ *Rick Hanson lit a candle in memory of Gertrude "Tootie" Surprenant*



Rick Hanson - December 12, 2017 at 10:40 AM