



Glenna M. Benoit

January 28, 1919 - July 25, 2018

Glenna M. Benoit, age 99, of Bradley, passed away Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at Miller Healthcare Center in Kankakee.

She was born January 28, 1919, the daughter of Peter & Olive Hathaway Kolwelter.

She married Paul G. Benoit. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Judy & Bob Sunko of Darien, CT, and Jane Cahan of Villa Grove; one son & two daughters-in-law, David & Mary Benoit of Phoenix, AZ, and Jan Benoit of Freeport; her grandchildren, Christopher Benoit, Tracy & Tom Koerner, Chelsea Benoit & Eric Piwcewicz, Todd & Victoria Sunko, Wade & Alessandra Sunko, Jennifer & Chris Boughey, Jeffrey & Angie Benoit, Rebecca & Brian Olson, Chad & Tamie Rolph; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Glenna led a very active life raising her family of five, volunteering in the community, and serving on many committees. She and Paul instilled in their young family a love for travel. They drove thousands of miles across the U.S. and Canada, visiting relatives in the 1950's and 1960's. Later, she and Paul developed a love for camping throughout the U.S. and with the Kankakee Valley Wanderers. She loved swimming, boating, and water skiing with the family.

Her volunteer endeavors included den mother for the Cub Scouts. She volunteered at the St. Joseph School library and served at various times as

the president of the St. Anne Sodality of St. Joseph Catholic Church. She was a member and officer of the Daughters of Isabella of St. Joseph Church and also a member and president of the Bradley Bourbonnais Seniors. She was a trip chairman for the organization for years.

She was also an excellent seamstress. She and Paul loved dancing. At the age of 81, she fulfilled a life long dream of taking tap dancing lessons. Glenna performed for years with the Merry Music Makers in the Spice of Life talent show held in Bradley. She was also the director of the group for many years. The group continued to entertain in nursing homes through her 80's in the Kankakee County area. In her early 90's, she sang with Pete Henrissey's group in nursing homes.

Glenna remained an active member of the Gleaner Life Insurance Society throughout her life. She was a member of the "Early Bird Senior Swimmers" for many years at BBCHS until the age of 92. She was an active member of the Moose organization and a member of the BB Historical Society. She kept her mind active by doing word search books and playing Bingo.

In addition to her husband, she is preceded in death by her parents; one son, Harold Benoit; one daughter, Janet Benoit; three brothers, Randall Kolwelter, Robert Kolwelter, and Jim Kolwelter.

Visitation will be held 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley.

Interment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bishop McNamara Catholic School – St. Joseph Campus.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Visitation

AUG 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
211 N. Center Street
Bradley, IL 60915
(815) 939-3573
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

Tribute Wall

JE

“ My condolence to Glenna's family. Glenna and I swam many years at BBCHS. She was a wonderful lady.

Julie Ponikvar Ebersole - July 31, 2018 at 03:52 PM

RS

“ Paul and Glenna Benoit were cousins (on the Benoit side) My grandma Rivard and Paul Benoit's mom were sisters. I lived at 223 North Prarie one block north of the Benoit home during my grade school years so I got to see them quite often. I left the Kankakee area in 1969 and the last two times I saw Glenna was at my mother's (Lucille Rivard Siefert) funeral and prior to that at Mom's 80th birthday party several years ago. I regret not visiting her during my many visits to Kankakee county.
Ken Siefert

Rev. Kenneth Siefert - July 31, 2018 at 12:13 PM

SJ

“ Growing up next door, Glenna was a kind and generous neighbor. I've got many wonderful memories of Glenna, Paul and Janet as they lived life to the fullest. God bless you Glenna.

Scot Johnson - July 30, 2018 at 09:58 PM

LR

“ Loretta Rakauskas sent a virtual gift in memory of Glenna M. Benoit



loretta rakauskas - July 30, 2018 at 01:00 PM

JW

“ Thinking of Glenna brings back such great memories of my childhood. To Judy,Dave and Jane my deepest sympathies. Whenever I would stop and visit her she always talked about all of you and her joy she had talking about her grandchildren and great grandchildren. I will miss those visits when I drive down Prairie ave.
Jeanne Petit Weiler

jeanne weiler - July 29, 2018 at 08:57 PM

Amy Williams

“ Amy Williams lit a candle in memory of Glenna M. Benoit



Amy Williams - July 28, 2018 at 10:52 AM

MW

“ My deepest sympathy to all the Benoit family. Aunt Glenna was an inspiration to all of us. My Thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
Michelle Worby



michelle worby - July 28, 2018 at 08:43 AM

VT

“ Vicki Tousignant lit a candle in memory of Glenna M. Benoit



Vicki Tousignant - July 27, 2018 at 07:34 PM