



## Helen M. Blakeney

December 27, 1951 - April 23, 2012

Visitation for Helen M. Blakeney, 60, of Kankakee, will be from 10 a.m. Friday until the 11 a.m. funeral services at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. Pastor Dwight Ascher will officiate. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. She died Monday (April 23, 2012) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee.

Mrs. Blakeney was a foster mother since 1983. She was born Dec. 27, 1951, in Kankakee, the daughter of Lester and Virginia Patterson Hibbs. She attended Grace Baptist Church and enjoyed doing ceramics, crocheting and reading.

Surviving are her husband, Lawrence A. Blakeney, of Kankakee, whom she married April 3, 1982, in Illiana Heights; three sons and one daughter-in-law, Joshua Powers, of Kankakee, Michael Blakeney, of North Carolina, and Lawrence Michael and Dawn Blakeney, of Kankakee; five daughters and one son-in-law, Tina Velazquez, of Rantoul, Tracy and Stephen Wright, of Kankakee, Misty Blakeney, of Rantoul, Christina Blakeney, of Kankakee, and Kaitlin Blakeney, of Carbondale; 13 grandchildren; one sister and brother-in-law, Leslie and Glenn Piekarczyk, of Nevada; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Perry and Vickie Eckhoff, of California, Jerry and Diane McColley, of California, Roy and Gloria Hibbs, of Arizona, and Dwayne Eckhoff, of California; and many nieces and nephews. She was also a mother to Heather

Sandlin, of Hobart, Ind., Blanca McCoy, of North Carolina, Malcolm Dowdy, of Kankakee, and many more.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
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## Memorial Service

APR 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dezy Velazquez lit a candle in memory of Helen M. Blakeney*



Dezy Velazquez - September 19, 2018 at 08:10 PM



“ *Grandma, I can't believe that it's been almost 6 years already. I miss you every single day. I wish you could be here to see your greatgrandson grow, I know that you'd love him to pieces, just like you did with me.  
I miss you so much, and no amount of time will ever heal that.*

Dez - April 03, 2018 at 02:50 PM



“ *Cyndie Stout lit a candle in memory of Helen M. Blakeney*



Cyndie Stout - May 03, 2012 at 12:20 AM



“ *Karen Kelley -Griffin lit a candle in memory of Helen M. Blakeney*



Karen Kelley -Griffin - April 30, 2012 at 02:56 PM



*I am sorry for your lost . May our father in heaven give comfort and peace to you and your family.*

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**Karen Kelley -Griffin** - April 30, 2012 at 02:59 PM

SW

“ *I just want to thank you for all you have done for me and my family that you blessed upon me. The void in me that you filled, the things I was missing in my life. You are the epitome of what a mother is truly about. I know you will be watching over us all to guide us when we need it most.*

*I love you Mom,  
Stephen*

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**Stephen Wright** - April 27, 2012 at 07:04 AM

MW

“ *May God comfort you all during this time of sorrow. I am so sorry for your loss. Helen was a beautiful person and she was always willing to help a person in need. If God ever blessed earth with an angel it was the day he sent her here. I thank God for sending her into my life and even though I live in Georgia and haven't seen her in a long time I still have very fond memories of her and I always will.*

*Marvis White*

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**Marvis White** - April 27, 2012 at 12:05 AM

MW

“ *Marvis White lit a candle in memory of Helen M. Blakeney*



Marvis White - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TW

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Tracy Wright - April 26, 2012 at 07:47 PM

TW

“ *oh my beautiful mother,,,,,i will miss you more than I could possible say. You were truly my best friend. I will miss our talks at the table and out last minute trips we took, I wasnt done learning from you and thought i had years to go with you. I know you will walk silently by my side now. and i promise to rinse with salt water.....lol*

Tracy Wright - April 26, 2012 at 07:41 PM

TV

“ *Tina Velazquez sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen M. Blakeney*



Tina Velazquez - April 26, 2012 at 07:40 PM

TW

“ Tracy Wright lit a candle in memory of Helen M. Blakeney



Tracy Wright - April 26, 2012 at 07:35 PM

PG

“ Helen was a voracious reader. She was a loving person who will be greatly missed.  
Paula  
Paperback Reader

Paula Goodwin - April 26, 2012 at 03:44 PM

MS

“ My Aunt Helen was the best, she always looked out for everyone, had a heart of gold. she was a mother to all of us, I will cherish all the great memories.. and sending prayers to everyone..

Melinda Surprenant - April 25, 2012 at 06:51 PM

MS

“ Melinda Surprenant lit a candle in memory of Helen M. Blakeney



Melinda Surprenant - April 25, 2012 at 06:15 PM

PV

“ she was my very best friend as well as my cousin.....she loved everyone and was the most giving person i have ever known.....her strength was beyond compare.....she was sick and suffering for so long but thru it all she thought of others first....i will always love her so much.....i miss her already.....”



pam vargas - April 25, 2012 at 02:19 PM



“ Nancy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Helen M. Blakeney



Nancy Nelson - April 24, 2012 at 09:32 PM



To The family of Helen.May you find comfort and peace.I'm so sorry for your lose.

Nancy Nelson - April 24, 2012 at 09:34 PM

BS

“ Byron & Laurie Scherer sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen M. Blakeney



Byron & Laurie Scherer - April 24, 2012 at 01:15 PM

BS

*I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. The first thing I thought of when I heard is the wonderful tribute from the Journal that Tracy had submitted for mothers day. We love you all & you are in our Prayers.*

**Byron & Laurie Scherer** - April 24, 2012 at 01:18 PM

KV

“ *Kay VanderBol lit a candle in memory of Helen M. Blakeney*



**Kay VanderBol** - April 24, 2012 at 12:42 PM

KV

*Tina and Tracy--May God be with your families now in your time of sorrow. Your Mother was a special person to all of you and she will be greatly missed. May she rest in Peace.*

**Kay VanderBol** - April 24, 2012 at 12:44 PM