



## Iola J Russell

January 16, 1930 - October 12, 2022

Iola J. Russell, age 92 of Kankakee passed away Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at her home. She was born January 16, 1930, in Kankakee, the daughter of Robert and Jessie (Nogle) Lehnig. Iola was one of ten brothers and sisters.

On October 31, 1980, Iola married Joseph K. Russell in Kankakee and for the next forty-two years, shared a wonderful life until Joe's passing on August 24, 2021. Iola was extremely intelligent and creative, with a wonderful quick-witted sense of humor. She was thoughtful, generous, and inspirational. Besides being a wonderful, cherished mother to her sons and daughters-in-law and grandchildren; she spent her time as a business partner with Joe. Iola was an x-ray technician for thirty years at Oak Orthopedics. She was a collector of precious keepsakes and a creator of exquisite, personal pieces of art for her family. Iola enjoyed sewing, doing crossword puzzles, playing Yahtzee, and watching her favorite T.V. shows, *Midsummer Murders* and *Family Feud*. Iola was of the Catholic faith.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Carlo (Tracy) Armenise of Las Vegas, NV, Samuel (Barbara) Armenise of Fallbrook, CA, Patrick (Linda) Armenise of Menifee, CA, William (Jan) Armenise of Saginaw, TX, two stepsons, Joseph (Connie) Russell of Herber City, UT, Christopher Russell of Edna, TX; eleven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Iola is preceded in death by her husband, Joseph; her parents; and one son, Michael Armenise.

Memorial visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 23, 2022, at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Homes, Kankakee.

Private inurnment will be held on Monday, October 24, 2022, at St. Mary's Cemetery, Beaverville.

Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery

Beaverville, IL 60912  
(815) 435-2006

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

OCT **23**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

CC

“ I never got to meet lola in person, but being her granddaughters best friend for nearly 20 years now; I've heard so many stories about how funny and caring and kind she was. I loved reading her hilarious comments on social media, she always said exactly how she felt and it would always bring a smile to those who read them. Her granddaughter adored her, that was always clear. Feeling sadness in my heart for this loss as I know how much sadness her family is feeling. Rest in peace, beautiful lola.

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**Candace Cowan** - October 21, 2022 at 10:41 AM

DK

“ A very beautiful person has let this earth. Such a wonderful lady and always very upbeat. The good lord is receiving a true gem. It was a pleasure to know her and have the opportunity to interact with her, mostly at Tiny Tap. My deepest sympathies to her family and many friends. May the good lord be with you at this most difficult time.

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**Dewey Kilbride** - October 20, 2022 at 06:25 PM

BB

“ I worked with lola at OAK many years ago, she was the kindest, funniest lady I ever worked with. RIP lola, until we meet again. Prayers to the family

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**Beth Bisailon** - October 19, 2022 at 03:47 PM

RH

“ Rick Hanson lit a candle in memory of lola J Russell



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**Rick Hanson** - October 19, 2022 at 12:29 PM

ST

“ Sending our deepest condolences and all our love to the family today. It was my honor to get to know this amazingly smart, beautiful and witty women over this last year. She was full of stories of days gone by and always so proud of her mischievous, yet wonderful boys!

*I will miss our special visits but always remember how she welcomed us into her home as family!*

*Fly high Ms lola, will Love and miss you always! Till we meet again*



*Sending love and prayers to the family!*

*Thank you for the memories 🥺❤️*

*Susan and Michael Trobaugh*

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**Susan Trobaugh** - October 18, 2022 at 01:59 PM