



Irma Jean Berghouse

June 26, 1931 - March 15, 2017

Irma Jean Berghouse, 85, of Kankakee, passed away on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at Riverside Medical Center. She was born on June 26, 1931, in Bonfield, to Bennie and Fern Gilborne Kirchner. Irma Jean married Richard Berghouse on April 7, 1956 in Bonfield. He preceded her in death on March 2, 2001.

Irma Jean had worked at the DMV and she retired from Herscher High School as a secretary. She was a former president of the Bonfield School PTA, a member of Lucky 13 Club, and a member of Home Bureau. She was a softball coach. Irma Jean was a lifelong member of Bonfield First United Methodist Church, and United Methodist Women, where she held various offices. She was a former Sunday school teacher.

Irma Jean is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Kim (Jenny) Jensen, of Yorktown, VA; two daughters and one son-in-law, Jill (Tom) Grant, of Kankakee and Suzanne Graham, of Lafayette, CO; one daughter-in-law, Marti Berghouse; nine grandchildren, Jamie, Ben, Alex, Lauren, Zachary, Jackson, Cortney, Christopher, and Ashley; five great grandchildren; two nephews, Kevin Kirchner and Eric Kirchner; and one niece, Heather Thurston.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; one son, Kurt Berghouse; and one brother, Ralph Kirchner.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 2:00 pm until the 6:00 pm memorial service on Monday, March 20, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Rev. Mel Nielsen will officiate. Inurnment will be held at a later date at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bonfield First United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 20. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

MAR 20. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Deb Guerra lit a candle in memory of Irma Jean Berghouse*



Deb Guerra - April 19, 2017 at 02:01 AM

DR

“ *Deborah Regnier lit a candle in memory of Irma Jean Berghouse*



Deborah Regnier - March 23, 2017 at 12:55 AM

DR

“ *My deepest sympathy to all her family and friends. I was a long time friend going back to my childhood. I became reacquainted with Irma Jean when we moved to Herscher and she was able to meet my children. She will be dearly missed.*

Deborah Regnier

Deborah Regnier - March 23, 2017 at 12:55 AM

SR

“ *Susan & Mark Reising lit a candle in memory of Irma Jean Berghouse*



Susan & Mark Reising - March 20, 2017 at 10:13 AM

DF

“ *Dan & Cheryl Ferris lit a candle in memory of Irma Jean Berghouse*



Dan & Cheryl Ferris - March 19, 2017 at 08:31 PM

SS

“ *Oh Dear Irma Jan how we will miss you
Our hearts will ache every day as we pass your house
You were a joy to us...
And Steve and I loved you Dearly*

Rest in Peace our Dear Beautiful Friend

Our Sympathy to your Dear Children and Grandchildren

Always

Steve and Darlene Soucie

Steve and Darlene Soucie - March 19, 2017 at 01:11 PM

SG

“ *Condolances to the family of Irma Jean. Klm, Jill and Suzanne - our Moms were best of friends in life I hope they find each other in Heaven.*

Stephanie Gollhofer - March 18, 2017 at 07:52 PM

BW

“ *Brad Wills lit a candle in memory of Irma Jean Berghouse*



Brad Wills - March 18, 2017 at 08:37 AM

BD

“ *Brent Davis lit a candle in memory of Irma Jean Berghouse*



Brent Davis - March 17, 2017 at 11:07 PM

LM

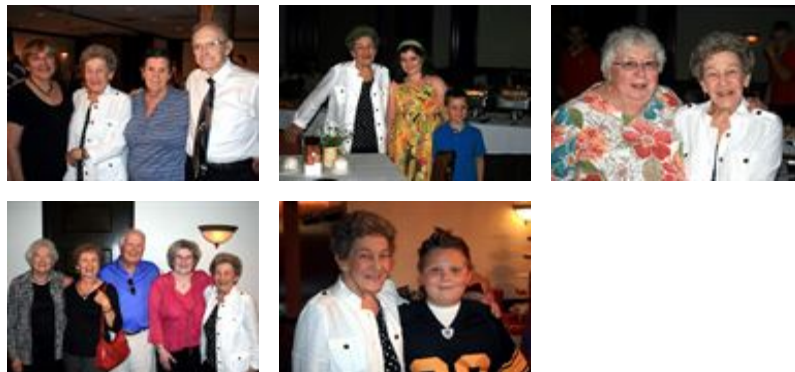
“ *Lori Green Medalis lit a candle in memory of Irma Jean Berghouse*



Lori Green Medalis - March 17, 2017 at 06:32 PM



“ 81 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - March 17, 2017 at 02:30 PM



Cindy Chaffee

So sorry for your loss, your mom was a fine woman, I remember her from vacation bible school. Love and prayers

Cindy Chaffee - March 17, 2017 at 06:27 PM

JP

“ *To the families, in our thoughts and prayers through this sad time.*
John P. Papineau

John P.Papineau - March 17, 2017 at 10:12 AM

DW

“ *To the family of Irma Jean, She was such a sweet and caring lady, I remember her from the DMV day as well as church and all activities stated in the obituary as we Bonfield people (as Kurt would remind me of when we were chatting) were such a close family of friends. Thoughts and prayers to all families involved.*

*David & Neva Weedon
Manchester, TN*

David Weedon - March 17, 2017 at 09:09 AM

KL

“ *Jill I am so sorry to hear about your mom. She was a wonderful lady and I loved seeing her at the office.*

Kimberly Lebeda - March 16, 2017 at 08:24 PM