



Jacquelin Nutt

November 15, 1931 - December 20, 2008

Jacquelin Nutt, 77 of Wilmington passed away Saturday, December 20, 2008 at Miller Center in Kankakee with her sons, Ray and Steve at her side. She is preceded in death by her husband (Raymond), sister (Eunice Anderson) and brother (Albert "Bud" Fant). She is survived by her son (Ray), daughter-in-law (Suellyn) and two grandchildren (Ashley & Raymond) of Lone Tree, Colorado and her son (Steve), daughter-in-law (Paige) and two grandchildren (Mathew & Michael) of Wilmington. She is also survived by her sister Barbara Whyte of Channahon and many nieces and nephews and special neighbor Ed Kaitschuck. Born to Louise and Walter Fant in Joliet, Jackie, her brother and 2 sisters were raised for 10 years in the Masonic Orphanage in LaGrange when her father passed when she was 3 years old. After graduating from Joliet Central High School, she worked at Argonne National Laboratory. Jackie was known for her skill in crafting bears ("Jackie's Bears") and ornaments that brought joy to many people. The demand for her products was high, so she began a business selling the bears she had crafted. Jackie was a regular at various craft shows in the area and gave generously to various charities. She was active in her community as witnessed by her commitment to Cub Scouts as a Den Mother and Secretary/Treasurer for Wilmington Little League Baseball. She was a proud mother and grandmother who supported and attended her son's and grandchildren's activities on a regular basis. Services to celebrate Jackie's life will be announced at a later date. Special thanks from the family to the staff at Miller Center and The Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Donations may be made to The Hospice of Kankakee Valley (www.hkvcares.org) and the Illinois Masonic Children's Home in LaGrange (www.imchkids.org).

Tribute Wall



“ Steve and Paige,

I recently learned of your mother's passing. Words cannot express the deep sorrow that I have for you. May your fond memories of her help you through this difficult time.

Merry Jo and Royce Martyka
Merry Jo Martyka

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“ Words can never express what the heart truly feels inside.
½ Jackie was a strong, independent woman who spoke her mind and always told you the truth, even though you ½ might not want to hear it. ½ I've known her longer than I've been friends with Paige & Steve. ½ She was a great friend to my late Granda Tohill & my mother. ½ You could always count on "The Bear Lady" to create a masterpiece of a teddy bear. ½ I'm truly privileged to have known her and had a last conversation with her. ½ She always had something funny to say to try & shock you..I just loved that..She will be greatly missed. ½
Courtney Harris

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“ I have a lifetime of memories of trips with my Aunt Jackie, holiday visits, and just plain good times. ¶ My gigantic Christmas tree is covered exclusively with Jackie ornaments. ¶ She would create a new one for any new experience or phase in my life; many are one of a kind. ¶ The rabbi and African American angel are two of my favorites. ¶ Over the past 6 or 7 years, I have not only treasured my visits with her but also my phone calls. ¶ Despite her failing health, a chat with her would leave us both laughing. ¶ We shared a love of jokes and dogs. ¶ Any time I'd drag my husband to a family gathering, he would always ask if "my two crazy aunts would be there" to make even family funerals a good time! ¶ I miss her and send all of my love to my cousins, Ray and Steve and their families. ¶ The world has lost some sunshine with Aunt Jackie's passing.##imported-begin##Mary Anderson Purcell##imported-end##

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“ To the ¶ Nutt family. I meet mon about 15 years ago. What a very lovely lady. We seem to hit it off very well, I visted her about 4 times a year for my fix on your teddy bears and Christmas item ¶ Many of my grandkids have her bears. ¶ I always enjoyed my time with her. She spoke very highly of her children and grandkids. ¶ May she rest in peace. And may you find she touch the lives very many people. ¶ She is in my prayers always. ¶ Marcy Adams##imported-begin##marcy adams##imported-end##

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“ Jackie and I became friends when I was assigned to her hall in sept 08...we spent many a time just talking while I took care of her needs...after moving her to a different hall I still found time to visit with her...She talked highly of her family. ĩ½she will be missed greatly in my life.##imported-begin##Vicky Deckard##imported-end##

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“ I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. ĩ½I am sorry she never got to come to Butterfield Court. ĩ½I saw her a few times at Miller. ĩ½It was a pleasure serving your family. ĩ½My thoughts and prayers are with you. ĩ½Sincerely yours,

Cookie Longtin##imported-begin##Cookie Longtin##imported-end##

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