



Jessie A. O'Connor

November 27, 1949 - November 12, 2011

Jessie O'Connor, 61, of Chebanse, died Saturday (Nov. 12, 2011) at her home after an extended illness. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, where funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Burial will be in St. James the Apostle Catholic Cemetery, Irwin. Memorials may be made to the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno or to Vitas Hospice.

She was born Nov. 27, 1949, in Higginport, Ohio, the daughter of Jay and Naomi Hanson Gaunce. She always thought of other people before herself. She enjoyed the holidays and shopping, and taking care of her family and granddaughter.

Surviving are her husband, Donald L. O'Connor, of Chebanse, whom she married May 17, 1969, at Sts. Mary & Joseph Catholic Church in Chebanse; one son, Don "DC" O'Connor, of Chebanse; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cassandra and David Reno, of St. Anne, and Kimberly and Ryan Jacobsen, of Grant Park; one granddaughter, Courtney Reno; one brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Barbara Gaunce, of Bradley; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Jeannette O'Connor;

and one niece, Michelle O'Connor.

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Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery

W. 5000 S. Road
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-4172

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **15.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

NOV **16.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JO

“ *Jesse was an amazing woman. I feel so lucky to have met her. When I was in nursing school she was so supportive and definitely one of my biggest cheerleaders. She was so loving toward my little Elizabeth. I hope to see you again someday in heaven.....* ”

Joyce - November 16, 2011 at 10:17 PM

JG

“ *I always looked forward to seeing you going out to lunch with you and shopping with you when I went back to Illinois on vacation. Thanks for giving me a lovely "niece" (Sandy). Also, thanks for letting me adopt you as my "little sister". Love from your "big sister" in Arizona.* ”



Janice Galvez - November 15, 2011 at 03:48 PM

MG

“ *I loved visiting you while on vacation in Illinois. You'll always be in my heart. You'll be missed by all who knew you. Love from your Arizona family.* ”



Mary Jo Galvez - November 15, 2011 at 03:31 PM

LN

“ *Les&Greta Naese lit a candle in memory of Jessie A. O'Connor* ”



les&Greta Naese - November 15, 2011 at 03:06 PM

TR

“ my memories about Jessie is that she was a caring person.the 13 yrs. I knew her and when she was in the nursing home I came very close to her and I liked when she called me trouble.



trouble - November 15, 2011 at 09:31 AM

ZI

“ The one thing that i can say about my mom is that she loved everybody around her and that she had the biggest heart. I know when i needed her that she was their for me when it was taking Courtney to a Doctor's Appt. or when she had her surgeries, Mom let me cry and was there to give me hugs when i needed it.
I would call my mom a thousands x's a day she was my bestfriend, my supporter, and the most important thing is she was my MOTHER, we went everywere together shopping and out to lunch she never cared where we went as long as we were together.
I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH & I WILL MISS HER MORE THAN ANYTHING!!!!!!



Ziggy - November 15, 2011 at 09:03 AM

SH

“ The one thing that I can say about my mother was that was loved by many and had the biggest heart of all when it came to her family and friends. She always took you for what you where and are and never tried to change you to suit her. She will be greatly missed until the last days of our lives.



shorty - November 15, 2011 at 08:36 AM

DS

“ My very first time that i met Sandy's mom was at my sister-in-law first commuion and Sandy wasn't home and Jessie came out to meet me and she told me that she just got out of the crazy house and she just started to talk to me and she told me that she loves to have a good time joking around and having fun. Jessie you was and still is the best mother-in-law that anybody could have i will miss you alot and i love you very much. Even through you are up in Heaven with God you are still here with us in our heart's.



David Reno Your Son-In-Law - November 14, 2011 at 10:02 PM

CR

“ My grandma was a good person and a good role model for me, and she always loved to play game's and card's with me. But if there was one thing i can say about my grandma is that she was alway's there for me at all of my doctor's appt. and when i had all of my surgeries, plus when i had all of my surgeries she was there to calm me down. But there is one important thing that i can say is that i love my grandma more than anything and that i miss her very much.



Courtney Lynne Reno - November 14, 2011 at 09:43 PM

FR

“ My most favorite memory is going over to Jessie & Don's house to have coffee in the morning time after i lost my husband and they helped me through the rough and hard time's. Plus when they included me over on all of the holiday's to be with them and the family. Jessie and I enjoyed going shopping, but the most important part of being with Jessie is the time we had together to spend with our granddaughter. I will miss her very much.



From, Frances Reno

Frances Reno - November 14, 2011 at 09:11 PM

BF

“ She never missed my Birthday's, and loved me unconditionally

Barbara Franklin - November 14, 2011 at 04:16 PM

BF

“ Barbara Franklin lit a candle in memory of Jessie A. O'Connor



Barbara Franklin - November 14, 2011 at 04:14 PM