



## Joan M. Dandurand

September 22, 1938 - December 1, 2018

Joan M. Dandurand, age 80, of Bourbonnais, IL, died on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at Presence Merkle-Knipprath Countryside in Clifton, IL. Joan was born on September 22, 1938 to Herman James Casey and Bernadette J. (Mulcahy) Westover in Kankakee, IL. She married William Dandurand October 3, 1959 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee, IL. Joan was an LPN, and had worked at Bourbonnais Terrance, and as a psychiatric nurse at Riverside Medical Center. She had also worked at St. Mary's Hospital as a clerk and in Pastoral Care. For many years she was a school bus driver and crossing guard for Bourbonnais School District. Joan and her husband were two of the co-founders of Bourbonnais Friendship Festival. She was also influential in establishing Harbor House in this area and continued to volunteer there.

Joan was a member of St. Joseph Church in Bradley. She enjoyed cooking, camping, traveling, and playing cards and dice.

Joan is survived by two sons, James (Patti) Dandurand of Bourbonnais, IL and Russell Dandurand of Bourbonnais, IL; one foster son and two foster daughters in law, Larry (Rosie) Bayer of Bradley, IL, Kendra Whitcomb of Wichita, KS; foster daughter, Donna Sandeno of Kentland, IN; one sister, Mary Westover of Kankakee, IL; one brother, Russell Westover of Kankakee; 13 grandchildren, Dawn (Casey) Raymond, Richard (Angel) Hedges, Mary Dandurand, Bernadette Dandurand, Jon (Brittany) Dandurand, Salina Dandurand, Dewey (Brooke) Whitcomb, Theresa Whitcomb, Amber (Calvin)

Daughtry, Amanda Bayer, Michael Bayer, Kayleigh Sandeno, Dakota Sandeno; 17 great-grandchildren, Steven, Adam, Daniel, Nathan, Anthony, Radley, Onyx, Shawn, Edward, Emerson, Jackson, Harlow, Christopher, Zylar, Aubree, Aryanna and Gibson. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one brother, Robert Westover; one son, John J. Dandurand; one daughter, Marie Dandurand, foster son, Dewey Whitcomb; and two granddaughters, Autumn Bayer and Evelyn Dandurand.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee, IL. Joan's funeral mass will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley, IL. Interment will follow at St. James Cemetery in Irwin, IL.

Memorials may be made to Harbor House or Aunt Martha's.

# Cemetery Details

## St. James Cemetery in Irwin

Irwin, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 5. 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 Mass

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
211 N. Center Street  
Bradley, IL 60915  
(815) 939-3573  
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ I went to high school with Joan's 2 sons Rusty and Jim. I met Joan through some friends of mine not long after I moved back to Illinois in 1983. She was a wonderful lady and a good friend. She will long be missed by family and friends. R.I.P. Joan.

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**Roger Robinson** - April 21, 2020 at 03:30 PM



“ Mrs. Dandurand made a lasting impression that has lasted 45 years. She was my bus driver when I was in kindergarten. She always had a smile and would lead us in song every day. God has added another angel to his promised land and as long as my memory serves me right she will never be forgotten!

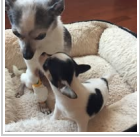
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**Greg Giusto** - December 18, 2018 at 08:23 AM



“ Will always have wonderful memories of Joanie and Gail in the Hotline trailer of the Festival! Thankyou for sharing her with us all those years. I can just imagine the "Hotline Trailer" at the gates of Heaven and all the shenanigans happening with so many Bourbonnais Friendship Festival Founders being together again. ❤️❤️❤️



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**Kristen Hobbs** - December 06, 2018 at 11:52 AM



“ I worked with Joan at Riverside for many years. She worked at Bourb Terrace when I was the DON . She was a great lady, sweet ,very spiritual and took great care of Bill in his time of need . I’m sorry for your loss. LoriAnn Brennan Bruer



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**Lori-Ann Bruer** - December 05, 2018 at 09:10 PM

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“ She was my date on my 18th birthday. We also used to go to dances together at the old Alpiner Park clubhouse and also at the old Labor Hall on Court street. They used to have dances with live bands in Ashkum which were wedding dances opened to the public. We loved walking on the trails at the Kankakee River State Park. There was a fire in her neighbors home where another friends mom died in the fire. I remember Joanie calling me and telling me about Hattie Steurey's mom dying in the fire. Will look for some of the old black and white photos to send to the family. She also introduced me to a distant cousin who lived in Randolph, Wisconsin at that time. That developed my meeting a gal there.I had a long distant relationship with her. I think Joanie's cousins name was Lafler, but not sure. Lost contact with Joan and the others many years ago. I was married to a wonderful gal for sevral decades who died of cancer in 2009. I have been an ordained Ukrainian Orthodox priest for over 50 years now and live in Centralia.  
Rev. Fr. Ken Anatoly (Siefert)

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**Rev. Fr. Ken Anatoly (Siefert)** - December 04, 2018 at 11:00 AM

MW

“ Joanie was a wonderful neighbor, always offering shelter and snacks to us kids. Thank you for being there for us and so many.  
Mike Wischnowski

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**Mike Wischnowski** - December 04, 2018 at 09:30 AM

DL

“ *Mary & Rusty my condolences to you & your family on the recent loss of your sister.* ”



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**Debra K Lambert** - December 04, 2018 at 07:59 AM

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“ *Janice Shenk lit a candle in memory of Joan M. Dandurand* ”



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**Janice Shenk** - December 03, 2018 at 06:00 PM

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**the Soucies** - December 02, 2018 at 10:23 PM

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**the Soucies** - December 02, 2018 at 10:20 PM

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“ One of my favorite memories was when I was a kid about 10 years old and my mom and I would go to Joan and bills for dinner and then they would start up the fireplace in the basement and we would make popcorn over the fire. Then they would share stories with us. Some were scary and some were just hilarious! And when she would laugh you couldn't help but laugh with her. I called her Aunt Joanie all my life even though we were not blood related and she always will be aunt Joanie!!! Rest peacefully now

Love,  
Sharon Matern

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**Sharon Matern** - December 02, 2018 at 09:48 PM

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**the Soucies** - December 02, 2018 at 09:24 PM

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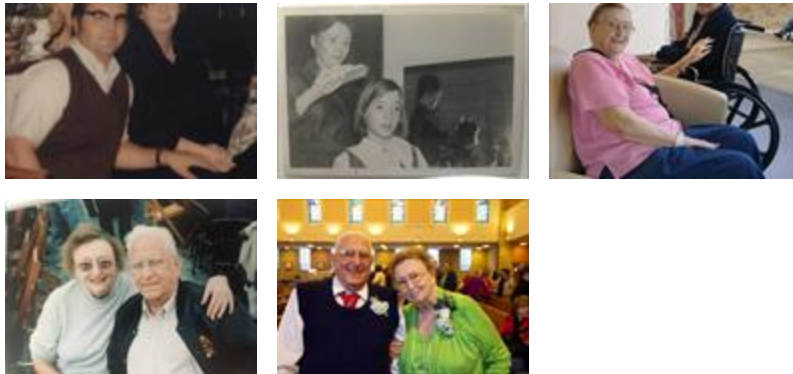


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**the Soucies** - December 02, 2018 at 09:17 PM

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**The Soucies** - December 02, 2018 at 09:15 PM

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“ Dearest Jim & Russ, Mary & Russell,  
Jeanie & I are sending our Deepest  
Sympathy!! Today Jean & I were talking about  
how our moms were such good friends. All of  
us growing up together. Our summer picnics  
together. How Joan was always there in bad & good times. Joan will  
be missed!!! We love all you!!!  
Thoughts, Hugs, Love & Prayers Always,  
Jeanie & Rosie



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**Rose Kieffer** - December 02, 2018 at 09:14 PM

 Laura  
Thompson  
Kieffer

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Joan. She was a caring and loving person.* ”



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**Laura Thompson- Kieffer** - December 02, 2018 at 05:59 PM