



Joan Ruby Tiarks

April 17, 1928 - August 21, 2021

Joan Ruby Tiarks (Lafond), 93, of Clifton, formerly of Beaverville, passed away on Saturday, August 21, 2021, at Arcadia Care Nursing Home in Clifton. She leaves her children Kathryn Giger, Reno NV.; Marcia (John) Johnson, Clifton, IL.; Nancy Tiarks, Cabery, IL.; Steven (Debbie) Tiarks, Chattaroy, WA.; Susan (Tony) Volz, Bend, OR.; Michael (Amanda) Tiarks, MO.; and Christine (Charles) Bourgeois, Grays Lake, IL. Grandchildren Daniel (Tracey) Giger, Nicholas (Heather) Giger, Corrie (Andrew) Singleton, Neil (Ashley) Johnson, Bart (Shawna) Johnson, Brooke Johnson, Jennifer (Edsel II) Siira, Heather (Kelly) Morgan, Mary (Aaron) McCracken, Melissa (Jim) Primka, Rebecca Maddux, Amanda (Ron) Van Heest, Brian (Lezlie) Tiarks, Crystal Tiarks, Paul (Stephanie) Tiarks, Cole Bourgeois, and Caleb Bourgeois. Great-Grandchildren Henry Singleton, Sophia Johnson, Clara Johnson, Penny Siira, Edsel Siira III, Atticus Siira, Glen Morgan, Caiden McCracken, Gunnar McCracken, Nathan Primka, Ben Primka, Cooper Maddux, Kayla Maddux, Sophia Van Heest, Chandler Tiarks, Joseph Tiarks, Amelia Tiarks, Gracie Seabert, Delia Tiarks, Eli Tiarks; and one sister-in-law, Dorothy Lafond, of Manteno, IL.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband Herb Tiarks; parents Eddie and Leah Lafond; siblings George Lafond, Dorothy Mae Drach, Eunice Arseneau, Wayne Lafond and Gail Lafond; son-in-law, Robert Giger; grandchildren Karen Giger and Ross Johnson; great-grandchildren Ella Johnson, Noah Johnson, and Braeden Seabert.

Joan was born April 17, 1928, in Kankakee, the daughter of Edward and Leah (Mailloux) Lafond. She married Herbert W. Tiarks on April 17, 1948, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Beaverville.

She grew up in rural Iroquois County, near Beaverville and Martinton, on the family farm, with her five siblings. Joan graduated high school from Donovan Township High School in 1946. Prior to her marriage, she lived in Kankakee and worked at a hosiery factory. After, her marriage she worked for the Holy Family Academy in Beaverville as one of the cooks in the cafeteria. She was primarily a homemaker.

After her 1948 marriage to Herb Tiarks, they lived in Beaverville and raised seven beautiful children during their 50-year marriage. Herb died shortly after their Fiftieth anniversary in 1998.

Joan was very active in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Beaverville for her entire life. Her family being some of the founders of the church and the town. Joan was also a large part of the American Legion Auxiliary, holding several offices, including president. This was a family passion passed on to her from her father, who was also very active in this organization. St. Mary's Catholic Church was a very important part of her life, always attending mass there until she no longer could.

Joan's hobbies included playing cards, crocheting, and spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was also an avid Cubs fan and enjoyed watching them play on tv.

Services will be held Saturday, August 28th, 2021, in Beaverville at St. Mary's Catholic Church. A funeral Mass, officiated by Fr. Dennis Spies, will be said at 11 am, with visitation prior to the mass starting at 9 am. Graveside services will be after the mass in St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery. Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home, of St. Anne, overseeing arrangements. In leu of flowers, memorials can be given to the St. Mary's Catholic Church Restoration Fund, Masses and Uplifted Care of Kankakee County.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Beaverville, IL 60912
(815) 435-2006

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Beaverville, IL
: (815) 435-2432
<http://www.stmaryschurchbeaverville.com/>

Funeral Mass

AUG 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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