



Josephine A. Merten

June 13, 1920 - October 12, 2015

Josephine Merten, 95, of Kankakee, passed away Sunday (Oct. 11, 2015) in Eden Village Care Facility in Glen Carbon.

She was born in 1920, the daughter of William H. and Gertrude Koerner Deany in Ford County. Josephine married William J. Merten in January of 1946, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kankakee. He preceded her in death on Dec. 20, 1986.

Mrs. Merten graduated from a business college in Kankakee. She worked as a bookkeeper for many years at Hicks Insurance and she also worked at a credit union for St. Martin of Tours.

Surviving are her daughters, Sharon (Gary) White, of New Lenox, and Jan (Fred) Ruckman, of Collinsville; seven grandchildren, William White, of Orland Park, Amy White O'Donnell, of North Carolina, Megan White Hillegass, of New Lenox, Joel White, of Colorado, Julie Ruckman, of Belleville, Greg Ruckman, of Collinsville, and Brian Ruckman, of Edwardsville; 11 great-grandchildren; one brother, Michael Deany, of Franklin Park; two sisters, Mary Elliot, of Chebanse, and Clara Kinkade, of Bourbonnais; and 54 nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, preceding her in death were her parents; an infant daughter, Joan Merten; four brothers, Roy, William, Vince and Donald Deany;

and one sister, Veronica Quigley.

Visitation is from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Funeral Mass is at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, Kankakee. Burial will follow the Mass in St. John Cemetery in Cullom.

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Cemetery Details

St. John's Catholic Cemetery

Locust Street
Cullom, IL 60929

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **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 Mass

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

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church
953 S. 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-7177

Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Jo always remembered me with a gift at Christmas. She was a very good Godmother to me and set very high standards and expected us all to live to our best abilities. RIP Aunt Jo

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