



## Judith Lee "Judy" Vanham

September 1, 1955 - August 31, 2025

Judith Lee "Judy" Vanham, age 69 of Kankakee, passed away on Sunday, August 31, 2025, at her home. She was born on September 1, 1955, in Chicago, the daughter of Charles and Lois (Vree) Kreml Sr.

Judith worked at for the United States Postal Service for several years before retiring. She was known for her vivacious attitude.

Judith loved baseball, especially the Chicago White Sox. She enjoyed playing board games and card games. All her life, she adored her kids and grandkids.

Surviving is her mother, Lois of Bourbonnais; two daughters, Crystal Lee Collett of Effingham, Tanya Beth Vanham (John Henry Jurewicz Jr.) of Washington; five siblings, Pam (Bill) Sanderson of Manhattan, IL, Charles Jr (Nancy) Kreml of New Lenox, Susan Allgood of Missouri, Robert (Deborah) Kreml of New Lenox, Thomas Kreml of Bourbonnais; four grandchildren, Avalyn Lee Mikos, Cian Merrick Mikos, Lyla Fae Jurewicz, John Henry Jurewicz III; numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members. Judith is preceded in death by her father, Charles Kreml Sr., one brother, Abraham Kreml; and one sister, Sandra Kreml.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorial visitation will be held from 2-5:00 p.m., Sunday, September 14, 2025, at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to family wishes.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

SEP **14.** 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
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# Tribute Wall

AM

“ AM lit a candle in memory of Judith Lee  
"Judy" Vanham



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**AM** - September 14, 2025 at 10:05 AM

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“ My grandma Judy was a woman with ferocity and intensity. Sometimes I feel as though the intensity of who she was as an individual is emblematic of the intensity of what it means to experience life as a human. She carried this intensity in the good, the bad, the beautiful, and everything in between. I will always remember her laughter, her love of the weird and mysterious, and her passion for geography and literacy. I will keep a map of the world on my wall, and enter The Twilight Zone with an open heart. I love you, Granny <3.

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**Avalyn M** - September 14, 2025 at 09:52 AM

MM

“ MR MRS lit a candle in memory of Judith Lee  
"Judy" Vanham



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**MR MRS** - September 09, 2025 at 09:51 AM

NW

“ I will always cherish the memories we’ve had as a family growing up together. I am grieved that we will be out of the country for her memorial.  
My prayers will be that God’s comfort will surround you all.

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**Nancy Wiersema** - September 05, 2025 at 05:54 PM

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“ My mom "Ma" was one of a kind. I inherited her big personality and loud voice. Through the tough times, we always found ways to laugh and move forward. My relationship with her was very unique. She was one of those women that are really good at many different things. (Sports, games, trivia, etc) She was talented and spontaneous and during her good years, she was very fun. I will always think of her and smile. I love you, Ma. I always have and I always will.

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**Tany Van Ham** - September 04, 2025 at 11:02 PM