



Judy L. Kilbride

February 24, 1939 - September 8, 2025

Judy L. Kilbride, age 86, of Kankakee passed away Monday, September 8, 2025 at the home of her daughter. She was born February 24, 1939 in Kankakee, the daughter of Clarence “Puff” & Margaret “Peg” (Crowley) Romary. Judy married Gerald Kilbride on July 29, 1961 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. He preceded her in death on July 26, 2025.

Judy was a retired Special Ed Director for Bourbonnais School District, where she had taught Special Ed prior. She was a graduate of St. Patrick Central High School, Graduate of Illinois State Normal University with her BS, and Loyola University for her MS. Judy was a former member of St. Joseph school board, board member of St. Mary’s Hospital Auxiliary, board member of KCTC, and the YMCA, and co-chair of the Kilbride Family Classic. She was an advocate for children with Autism. Judy was an avid Chicago Bulls fan and an avid golfer.

She was a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley.

Surviving are three sons, Mark Kilbride of Destin, FL, Andrew Kilbride (Liz Marek) of Ann Arbor, MI, and Thomas (Lindsey) Kilbride of Ann Arbor, MI; three daughters, Jennifer (Mike) Range of Highland, IL, Christine (Kevin) McGovern of Kankakee, and Mary Kilbride of Bradley; seventeen grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one sister and brother-in-law, Mary & Ron Study of Chicago; and one sister-in-law, Kathy Romary of Venice, FL. In addition to her husband, Judy is preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Margaret Romary; and one brother, Joseph Romary.

Visitation will be held from 2-6 p.m. on Sunday, September 14, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 15, 2025 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley. Interment will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee. Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **14**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

SEP **15**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ We want to send our sincere condolences to the family. Both Jerry and Judy will be missed. We were fortunate to meet them and carry on the Kilbride Classic fundraiser for Autism.
— Merchant Street Art Gallery of Artists with Autism



Charlene Cooke Phillips - September 20, 2025 at 05:28 PM

EL

“ Judy helped so much with my son, Mitchell, when the K3 public schools could not meet his needs. She helped us search for alternatives, and even went with us to tour them and gave expert advice. Mitchell ended up at Easter Seals school and thrived there. My sincere condolences at her passing, she was an amazing person!

Elizabeth Spicer (nee Schroeder) and Mitchell.

Elizabeth - September 15, 2025 at 11:19 AM

JC

“ So many happy memories and lots of fun golf games together! Judy will be missed by many, especially her big and wonderful family!

Jan (Moline) Cromer - September 14, 2025 at 08:52 PM

TF

“ So very sorry for your losses. Our hearts go out to all Kilbride families. We'll always remember the way both your parents blessed the tables at the Alex and Gina's wedding, filling the day with love and warmth. They both had a gift for sharing a smile that made everyone feel welcome and cared for. Their kindness and joy will stay with us as a beautiful reminder of the love they gave so freely. We have been blessed to have known both your mother and father. Hugs to you all.



The Vassallo Family - September 14, 2025 at 07:16 PM

GB

“ Gina Bergman lit a candle in memory of Judy L. Kilbride



Gina Bergman - September 12, 2025 at 03:48 PM

VE

“ I will always remember her radiant and comforting smile. Her kindness and the way she made others feel welcomed and accepted will always stay with me. Her and Gerry raised a terrific family rooted in faith. God bless her and her family.

Victor Echevarria - September 11, 2025 at 05:51 PM

JG

“ *Joseph Giacchino lit a candle in memory of Judy L. Kilbride*



Joseph Giacchino - September 11, 2025 at 08:37 AM

MB

“ *She was a lovely lady.....may she be resting in peace w her beloved husband. F
L*

Madelyn O' Brien - September 10, 2025 at 01:33 PM

CH

“ *My sincere sympathies to the Kilbride family. A very sweet and giving lady. A life well lived. God bless.*

Cathy Hamende - September 10, 2025 at 08:34 AM

MH

“ *As long-time members of the Quadrille Dance Club, Judy and Jerry led the group in good times. I am certain your dad is waiting for his partner with open arms.May they both rest in peace.*

Marsha Hill - September 10, 2025 at 07:52 AM

GB

“ *Ginny Baker lit a candle in memory of Judy L. Kilbride*



Ginny Baker - September 09, 2025 at 07:11 PM

TE

“ *Tim And Connie Eaker lit a candle in memory of Judy L. Kilbride*



Tim and Connie Eaker - September 09, 2025 at 05:51 PM