



Karen J. Tietjens

September 25, 1943 - March 4, 2011

Visitation for Karen J. Tietjens, 67, of Bourbonnais, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday. The Rev. Patty Heath will officiate. Cremation rites will be accorded. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. She died Friday (March 4, 2011) at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee.

Mrs. Tietjens was a retired registered nurse from Riverside Medical Center. She also worked at Orthopedic Associates of Kankakee and at Sears. She was born Sept. 25, 1943, in Chicago Heights, the daughter of Roy and Florence Stuenkel Carstens. She was a 1964 graduate of Silver Cross Hospital School of Nursing. She was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph R. Tietjens, whom she married April 2, 1966, at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Kankakee; one son and daughter-in-law, Joseph R. and Lanna Tietjens, of Bourbonnais; three daughters, Lenae Kirchner, of Park Forest, Janeen Tietjens and Dr. Kiiri Tietjens, both of Bourbonnais; four grandchildren, Quinn, Samuel, Caroline and Benji; and her mother, of Peotone. She was preceded in death by her father.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Funeral Service

MAR 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Karen J. Tietjens*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - March 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ *"My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Tietjens family. I had the honors of working with Karen at Riverside Resolve Center when they first opened up the adolescent unit. Karen was instrumental in my training and was very proficient. I will never forget her kindness, encouragement, and motherly instinct. God bless you all!"*



-Norvell Thomas

Norvell Thomas - March 16, 2011 at 06:22 AM

LW

“ *Lenae, Very sorry to hear about your mom, and my thoughts and prayers are with your and the boys at your time of sorrow and always.*

Laura Wilson


Laura Wilson - March 14, 2011 at 08:18 AM

JH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Karen's entire family.

Jon, Page, Kiley, Connor Hinkleman

Jon Hinkleman - March 12, 2011 at 11:44 AM

 Bethie
Seventy-
Two

“ Very sorry, Lenae, Colin, Quinn & Sam, and to the Tietjens family. Your mom was always very sweet and I enjoyed talking with her getting ready for a bonfire.

“Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.”



Bethie Seventy-Two - March 12, 2011 at 10:25 AM

RN

“ Rita Nelson lit a candle in memory of Karen J. Tietjens



Rita Nelson - March 11, 2011 at 07:27 PM

RN

“ Colin and family,
Deepest thoughts and prayers tonight and tomorrow as you go through this time. What a beautiful woman, and so young still, Jesus needed her, so PRAISE GOD she is with HIM. She was first HIS, and HE gave you precious time and memories to hold onto. Thinking of you and the family during this time. In HIM,

Rita Nelson - March 11, 2011 at 07:17 PM

RB

“ To Karen's Family . I am so sorry for your loss. It's so hard to oss someone so speical. I worked with Karne for many years at years and she was always such a great person to talk with.

Rebecca Burkard - March 11, 2011 at 03:03 PM

SB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Mindy and Dakota (daughter and granddaughter) loved to have Karen's help at Sears. She was so good to them. You have such a caring and friendly family. I'm sorry I'm not good with words, but I just wanted you to know that I will really miss Karen.

Sharon Baron - March 11, 2011 at 02:04 PM

KB

“ Karen was my big sis in nursing school all those many years ago. We had great fun together. I'll miss her as I'm sure you will too. My deepest condolences.

Kathryn Bohnsack - March 11, 2011 at 01:27 PM

LW

“ My sincere condolences to Joe, son Joe and Lanna, Lenae, Janeen and Kiiri. Karen and I worked together many years at Sears. We started working together in the shoe department after the 1st big remodel when the shoe dept. was still commission sales. We worked hard but always managed to have a good time. I am glad that we had a chance to visit during a shopping trip for children at my school. I will miss our "talks".

Lana Witthoft - March 11, 2011 at 12:08 PM

MB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Karen was truly an angel. She was one of the kindest ladies I have met. I worked with Karen many years ago at the Occupational Health Clinic at Riverside. She had a way of brightening everyone's day. Blessings to all of you. Michelle Brutlag

Michelle Brutlag - March 11, 2011 at 09:48 AM

BL

“ I am so sorry and pray that you will be surrounded by the love and support of family and friends. May the prayers of many give you strength and may the memories become a place of comfort. Our prayers are with you. Dean and Barbara Lohrbach

Barbara Lohrbach - March 11, 2011 at 08:28 AM

TF

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May you find peace in knowing that she is in God's hands. We never lose the ones we love they live on in our hearts.

The Family - March 10, 2011 at 10:00 PM

SP

“ *Tietjens Family,*
I'm so sorry for your loss. I didn't know all of you well, but Karen was always very kind to me when I saw her in church. My prayers are with you.
God Bless,
Sue Paris

Sue Paris - March 10, 2011 at 08:03 AM



“ *May God ease your pain, hold you close and bring you wonderful memories.*

Mary Quiroz Thomson - March 09, 2011 at 11:11 AM

LR

“ *All the girls at Sears are heartbroken at the loss of Karen. We will miss her smiling face and her ability to make us all laugh*

Linda Rodgers - March 09, 2011 at 08:29 AM

SW

“ *I am so sorry about your loss. I worked with Karen for many years at the Resolve Center. I will never forget her and the kindness she showed to our patients. She sure was a special lady.*

Sheryl Wieghaus - March 08, 2011 at 06:03 PM

JP

“ *My prayers are with Karen's family at this time. I am blessed to have met the family when I worked for a Chiropractor and the family would come in. The memories are great ones. Jan Prayer*



Jan Prayer - March 08, 2011 at 06:17 AM

KB

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. I have fond memories of her from 4-H and sleepovers at your house. My prayers are with your family.

Kelly Bastin - March 07, 2011 at 08:52 PM

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JM

“ Karen and I went to Sunday school and Church and were in the same confirmation class at Immanuel Church in Peotone. I was working at Riverside when she began her nursing career there. She never forgot a face or name and always had a smile. I'm saddened by your loss. God bless her family.

Judy Meyer - March 07, 2011 at 06:03 PM



“ Karen has left a wonderful legacy, her children and grandchildren. The Tietjens family has my heartfelt condolences. You all are in my thoughts and prayers, during this difficult time.

Jeannie Cancialosi - March 07, 2011 at 03:36 PM

DC

“ I knew Karen from Peotone High School and she was always one of my favorite people- she always had a smile and would be there to listen to whoever needed her. My mother has kept me updated on Karen over the years since I moved to Houston.
My thoughts and prayers are with your family.



Diane Cravens - March 07, 2011 at 12:22 PM

LC

“ I am so sorry to hear the news of Mrs. Tietjens my heart goes to your family. I was a member of Our Savior Church and my mother is Jane Davis. I will keep the Tietjens family in my prayers.

Linda Clark - March 06, 2011 at 08:16 PM

KS

“ Kristine Simon lit a candle in memory of Karen J. Tietjens



Kristine Simon - March 05, 2011 at 11:26 PM

KS

“ I am so deeply saddened to hear the news of Karen's passing. I am praying for your family and have such peace knowing she was a woman of great faith and is now in the loving arms of Jesus. I will always remember her wonderful spirit, how she always made me feel so welcome and how she made the best finger jello in the world! She will be greatly missed. Much love to all of you.

Kristine Simon - March 05, 2011 at 11:24 PM