



Laretta K. LaFond

February 12, 1922 - October 2, 2019

Laretta K. LaFond, age 97, of Kankakee passed away peacefully on October 2, 2019 at Riverside Hospital in Kankakee. She was born February 12, 1922 in Dumas, Saskatchewan, Canada, the second child of five, to Rene Cruywells & Florida Loiselle. Laretta entered the United State at the age of 3 months and became a citizen at 18 years of age.

Laretta married Joseph Kowales in 1941. They had two daughters, JoRetta (Bryan) Brady of Camarillo, CA, Juanita Curtis of Oak Lawn, IL, two grandchildren, DiEnne (Jim) Glover, Joseph Curtis and great grandchildren, Shauna, Jimmy, Jenna, Sarah Glover. He preceded her in death on June 6, 1945. Later, she married Francis B. LaFond on February 3, 1951. They had one daughter, Lana Kay (Andrew) Denault of Bradley and one son, Gerald P. LaFond of Kankakee. He preceded her in death May 5, 2010.

Laretta's life work was office work.

Surviving, in addition to her four children are grandchildren, Jaclyn (Dan) Gordon, Austin (Rachel) Denault, Orion LaFond, Nicholas (Megan) LaFond, and Lucas LaFond, great grandchildren Brooks Thomas Gordon, Rhona Josephine LaFond, Joaquin Grant Diaz, and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husbands, Laretta was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; two sisters and one grandson.

Laretta was a happy person, a positive thinker, loved her children and grandchildren and mentioned many times that it will be heavenly to see "Barney" again.

In honor of Laretta, the family asks that ladies please wear your favorite hat to her services.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until the time of the 11 a.m. funeral Mass Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Beaverville.

Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Beaverville.

Memorials may be made to St Mary's Church in Beaverville, Illinois.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Beaverville, IL 60912
(815) 435-2006

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

OCT 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Carla Scheppler lit a candle in memory of Laretta K. LaFond*



Carla Scheppler - October 11, 2019 at 12:28 AM

SM

“ *Laretta was such a beautiful and classy woman who always treated everyone like family. I am so Blessed to have known her and her beautiful daughter Lana. May you rest in peace and enjoy the beauty in Heaven. No more worries, pain, suffering, only beautiful Angels and reuniting with all that went before you. I love you beautiful lady. Until we meet again.*

Sandy Mabry - October 09, 2019 at 09:43 AM

SU

“ *Your mom, grandma, great grandma was so "special" in my life. I will never forget her, Barney and all of you. OMG, I was such a pest and they always accepted me as part of the family. Thank you for sharing her with me. LV, Suzanne*

Suzanne - October 08, 2019 at 06:20 PM

MC

“ *Sweet, sweet Loretta. I always enjoyed visiting with her at Miller Center. She was so sweet and always cared about the residents making sure they were ok if she sensed something was wrong. I will miss you, Loretta. Rest in peace. Sending your family hugs and prayers.*

Mary Clark - October 07, 2019 at 09:00 AM

SS

“ I have so many wonderful memories growing up with this kind, gentle-hearted lady! One of my favorite was the time David, I, and our kids stopped to see Aunt Laretta & Uncle Barney in Florida on our way to Disney. It was evening when we arrived and they insisted we spend the night. Aunt Laretta made quite a "classy" impression on our children. Not only did she show them her "sexy red bathroom" where they would be privileged to wash up, but she fed them toast with jelly on fine china, and orange juice in a crystal goblet in the morning! They learned why I loved her so much. She had a way of making everyone feel special!
May she rest peacefully in the arms of Our Lord. I hope she is having a wonderful family reunion in heaven and that she can tell my mom and dad hello from below. I pray we meet again when my task on this earth is through.
Love You Always,
Suzie Q

Suzanne Schafer - October 05, 2019 at 08:42 PM