



## Leola G. Laird

April 23, 1916 - January 24, 2013

Leola Gertrude "Babe" Laird, 96, of Homosassa, Fla., died Jan. 24, 2013, in Clinton, Iowa. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. Saturday until the 11 a.m. funeral service at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. Deacon Joe Cotugno will officiate.

Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory, Kankakee. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Citrus County, P.O. Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL 34464.

Mrs. Laird was a longtime bookkeeper for Meadow Gold Dairies in Kankakee. She was born April 23, 1916, in Beaverville, the daughter of Clarence and Leah Arseneau Castongia. Her husband, Donald Doran Laird, whom she married Feb. 22, 1936, preceded her in death Sept. 3, 2004. Leola and her husband were avid campers and traveled together throughout the United States during their 69 years of marriage. She was also a dedicated canner of fruits and vegetables, which were grown in orchards and gardens on their Limestone Township property. She was affectionately known to her grandchildren as "Grandma Sweetheart." Her hobbies included painting, knitting and crocheting. She was a prolific maker of afghans and quilts which are held dearly amongst her family. She was a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael Eldon and Deborah S.

Laird, of Chicago, and William Donald and Dorothy Laird, of Homosassa; 10 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 21 great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Doreen Pommier, of St. Anne.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Patsy Louise Sippel.

# Cemetery Details

## Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-6726

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

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

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

LD

“ I often visited with Mrs. Laird while I was her social worker with hospice. For some reason today, I was thinking about this wonderful lady and wondered what became of her after I left field work in 2012 to go work at the Hospice House. It was today I learned that she had passed away. One particular thing I remember about Mrs. Laird was how prepared she was to see her husband and daughter again. She was always so gracious and sweet, and I will never forget the enormous picture she showed me of the family reunion held by her family. There were so many people in the photo they appeared to fall off the side of the picture! She was so very proud of her family. I was present many times when her granddaughter called (as she did every morning). I am very glad that I came to know Mrs. Laird, and I am also very relieved knowing she is now where she so very much wanted to be- back with her husband and daughter. She certainly was a "Grandma Sweetheart".

*Leigh Anne Dearing*

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**Leigh Anne Dearing** - November 16, 2015 at 08:09 AM

AB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. What a special lady your Grandma was!

*Love,  
Alice & family*

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**Alice Bartruff** - February 13, 2013 at 12:20 PM

EF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Grandma Sweetheart was a very special person to everyone. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten.....Condolences to all. Earl and Eileen Flint

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**Eileen Flint** - February 09, 2013 at 10:36 AM

DL

“ to mama, You waited so long to go home. Now your where you want to be. with papa and patsy. Bill and I miss you so much, every day. but we know you are so happy and at peace. God bless and keep you always. You will always be close in our hearts. love you so , miss you bunches.

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**dorothy laird** - February 06, 2013 at 06:41 PM

JM

“ Gramma Sweet Heart, we sure do miss you so much! Hope your dancing in Heaven, We love you!! RIP Jaimers  
p.s. rootin' for the Cubbies just for you!! <3

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**Jaime Mcphail** - February 06, 2013 at 04:19 PM

 Amy Hornyak

“ Gramma, you were quite the sweetheart! May Heaven treat you as well as you treated all of us! I love you and rejoice in your death so that you can live Enternal life!

Love,  
Mr. Roberts, Amy Dear and Aidenman ?

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**Amy Hornyak** - February 06, 2013 at 04:04 PM



*So Sorry to hear about Grandma Sweetheart. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you!*  
*Love, Lucy*

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**Lucy McCawley** - February 06, 2013 at 05:42 PM