



Leona Worby

December 21, 1929 - March 25, 2007

Leona Worby -- Bourbonnais Leona B. Worby, age 77, of Bourbonnais, died Sunday (March 25, 2007) at her home, surrounded by her family, after a short illness. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Kankakee. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Joseph Grade School or Bishop McNamara High School. Mrs. Worby sold Avon products for over 35 years, where she was a multiple-year President's Award recipient. She had worked at Bishop McNamara High School for many years. She was born Dec. 21, 1929, in Bourbonnais, to Horace and Lucie Breault Benoit. Her parents are deceased. She was married to James G. Worby on June 17, 1950. She now joins him in their eternal dance. Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Kathy Worby of Bradley, Martin and Carin Worby of Bourbonnais, James and Julie Worby of Manteno, Jason and Julie Worby of Bradley; seven daughters and six sons-in-law, Christine and Vincent Benoit of Kankakee, Colleen and William Regnier of Manteno, Marsha and James Saathoff of Bourbonnais, Michelle and Gregory Fager of Palatine, Marian Worby of Bourbonnais, Carolyn and Craig Koerner of Bourbonnais, Joyce and William Smith of Bourbonnais; grandchildren, Ryan Worby, Michelle Kropp, Adam, Luke, Brad, Kyle and Eric Benoit, Scott and Thomas Regnier, Lisa Turner, Julie, Allison and Emily Saathoff, William Fager, Sarah

Allie, Jillian and Claire Worby, Alex, Benjamin and Jonathon Koerner, Matthew, Danielle, Andrew, Elizabeth and Mary Worby, Jessica, Jacob, Jayden, James and Justin Smith, Trevor and Madeline Worby; six great-grandchildren with two on the way; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Alice Scheppler of Kankakee, Estelle and Henry D'Orto of Athol, Mass; one brother and sister-in-law, Leonard and Mary Benoit of Bradley; three sisters-in-law, Louise Bolen of Bradley, Anita Worby of Charleston and Glenna Benoit of Bradley; and several nieces and nephews. Also surviving is a special friend, Donald Kyrouac. She is preceded in death by three brothers, Paul, Patrick and Lawrence Benoit; three sisters, Isabelle Kanoski, Cecile Bertrand and Anna Mae McCue; and one grandchild, Bridget Benoit. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, where she was a very active volunteer. She was Woman of the Year at St. Joseph Church in 2001 and Grand Marshal of Bishop McNamara High School Homecoming in 2005. She was a devoted mother and grandmother. She was a number one fan for all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She rarely missed any event that any of them were involved in. She watched with pride all the accomplishments that her family made.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Worby family,

I was so sorry to hear about your mom's death. She certainly was a great lady! Please know that I have been praying for you and will continue to do so. God's peace be with you all.

Sister Lori
Sister Lori Kirchman

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“ i considered leona my good friend not only in business but in personal life. she was always very helpful and kind to me and my family. she was a devoted wife mother and grandmother. i will miss her a bunch.

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“ I remember Aunt Leona as a lady, always, and a strong believer in her children and family. I won't forget her; she is with her brothers and sisters and husband now. God Bless.

tom kanoski
Tom Kanoski, nephew

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“ I'm praying for you all. You are all in my thoughts. I'm sorry that I could not bring my family to help comfort you.

Love,
Kimberly
Kimberly Gross and Family

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“ To the Family: i¿½You have my deepest sympathy, your Mom was a wonderful

person. i¿½She was our Avon lady at the

Village of Bradley and we will truly

miss her deeply, she always brought

a warm, friendly, beautiful smile with her every time she came in the office.

My Deepest Sympathy

Teresa Fortin Richert###imported-begin##Teresa Richert###imported-end##

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“ You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. i¿½It brings great comfort to know that she has been reunited with her beloved husband and eventhough she has passed on, she will live forever in the hearts of everyone she touched.###imported-begin##Tony & Bonnie Smith###imported-end##

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“ I went to school at St. Joseph School with Marty.

I was in the hospital with my mom when your family was there.

I am so sorry that you have lost your mother, and I will keep you all in my prayers.###imported-begin##Tina (Lanoue) Boettcher###imported-end##

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“ *To know her was to love her and that is how I remember Leona 10 years ago when I started my Avon business and through the years she was there to help transport me to different avon events and we shared her family as I know she was a wonderful friend as well as family member with you in your hearts just look upward and close your eyes and you will see her of you. WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY CAROLYN*
 begin##Carolyn Harris##imported-end##

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“ *We were shocked to hear of your moms passing. She always had time to talk when we were working out at St. Mary's. We always found her to be so fair when she had grandkids playing against each other at Mac and Bradley. May the Lord be with all of you and watch over you in your time of need.##imported-begin##Alan & Jeannine Ward##imported-end##*

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“ *We will greatly miss our favorite aunt. Most of all her sense of humor and always giving me (Joe) a hard time. At least she thought she was. And yes, our occasional dinners out. Carol will miss her Avon phone calls trying to reconcile problems. God bless Leona and her fine family.##imported-begin##Joe & Carol Fritz##imported-end##*

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“ Dear Uncle Mike, Mom, Aunt Colleen, Aunt Marsha, Aunt Michelle, Uncle Marty, Aunt Marian, Aunt Carolyn, Uncle Jimmy, Aunt Joyce, and Uncle Jason,

I am so sorry your lost your mom. I love you all very, very much. And I am so blessed to have known my grandma for as long as I had, both of my grandparents for that matter. May God be with you! Thank you for being a great family.

Love, Michelle Louise###imported-begin###Michelle Kropp###imported-end##

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“ WE ARE SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR MOM. WE WERE ALL SHOCKED AT THE OFFICE INCLUDING DR. REBADIO. I AM SO GLAD OUR MOMS GOT TO GET TOGETHER AT CHRISTMAS BECAUSE SHE WAS SO HAPPY TO SHOW MY MOM HER NEW PLACE AND WAS SO PROUD OF IT. I REGRET I CANNOT ATTEND TO OFFER MY CONDOLENCES IN PERSON BUT I HAD A PROCEDURE DONE AND AM UNABLE TO GO. PLEASE GIVE DON MY CONDOLENCES ALSO BECAUSE I KNOW HE THOUGHT THE WORLD OF LEONA. YOU ARE ALL IN MY AND MY MOMS PRAYERS.###imported-begin###NANCY STANEK-DRAKE###imported-end##

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“ My sincere condolences to all of you, Leona's children, and your extended families on your loss. ĩ½ I am sure you have many warm memories and stories which will help get you through this time. ĩ½ She was a good person and always had a smile for you. ĩ½ Was always someone I could count on for help during the time I worked at St. Joe's. ĩ½ She will be remembered in my prayers.

###imported-begin###Sharon Mason###imported-end##

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“ I wish Leona's children, my cousins, peace and comfort during this time. It's difficult losing a parent and you have lost both in a relatively short time. I remember with fondness the laughter that your mom shared with all of us at family gatherings. She always seemed so pleasant and cheerful and added an air of lightness to any event. She really seemed genuinely happy with life. You should all be proud of the good examples that she and Uncle Jim were for all of you. ##imported-begin##Dennis Benoit##imported-end##

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“ I was very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I was the Avon manager who started her in her Avon career.

I will include her in my prayers.

Again my heartfelt sympathy.

##imported-begin##Pauline Klafra##imported-end##

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“ We wish to express our sympathy to Marty & Carin on the passing away of Leona. Sincerely Janet and Viator Trudeau##imported-begin##JANET & Viator Trudeau##imported-end##

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“ You have our deepest sympathy at this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Rod and Tina Andrews##imported-end##

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“ We are very sorry for the loss of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family today and in the days ahead.
"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30
"Cast your burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." Psalm 55:22
Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy.
Love in Christ.##imported-begin##Scott & Sue Stone##imported-end##

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“ We are sorry for your loss and will miss her much as well.
Mark, Patti, Markie, & Payton Olszewski##imported-begin##Mark Olszewski##imported-end##

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“ We're very sorry to hear of your loss. We knew Mrs. Worby through church, as well as working with Mike and also Avon. She was a great person and will be missed.##imported-begin##Steve & Kathy Glogowski##imported-end##

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“ We send our sincere sympathy to all of your family on the loss of your Mom. *½*What a wonderful person she was. *½*Kind spirited and full of fun is how we will remember her. *½*May the many happy memories of your great family fill the emptiness in your hearts. *½*God Bless##imported-begin##Nick & Shirley Africano##imported-end##

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