



Loretta M. Mayes

April 9, 1947 - March 2, 2018

Loretta M. Mayes, age 70, of Manteno, passed away Friday, March 2, 2018 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

She was born April 9, 1947 in Kankakee, the daughter of Hubert & Cecelia Bertrand Mayes.

Loretta asked Jesus to be her Lord & Savior in 1971 and was committed to following Christ from that day forward.

She was a teacher and coach at Indian Springs District 109 in Justice, retiring after 34 years of service. She had also been with the Manteno School District 5 from 2005 until present.

Loretta was a 1965 graduate of Kankakee High School. She earned her bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University. She was a member of Phi Delta Kappa and had served as a former president.

She loved putting a smile on people's faces and enjoyed being with her family. She was a member of River Valley Christian Fellowship Church.

Surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Susan & Tom Randall of Poolesville, MD and Christine & Richard Wensits of Katy, TX; three nieces, Jenica Raney, Kimberly Wensits, and Allison Sigaran; one nephew, James Mayes Randall; three great-nieces and nephews; and three special sisters in Christ, Cheri Adams, Jeri Orth, and Brenda Williams.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be held 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 4, 2018 at

Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno. Visitation will also be held from 10:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Monday, March 5, 2018 at River Valley Christian Fellowship. Rev. Derick Miller will officiate the service. Interment will be held at Kankakee Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Aroma Township.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to River Valley Christian Fellowship, Montgomery Hospice in Rockville, MD, or New Heart of Texas Ministries.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
291 N. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Visitation

MAR 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

River Valley Christian Fellowship
800 Cardinal Dr.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-7353
<http://myrvcf.org>

Funeral Service

MAR 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SM

“ Loretta was such a kind and gentle soul. She was a true Christian and faithful witness for God! She had such a great sense of humor and was such a joy to be around! Our prayers are with all of her family. We will miss her.

Sherry & Don Mayes

Sherry Mayes - March 05, 2018 at 09:53 AM

MH

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of sweet Loretta. I remember when Chris and Rick lived in California our families would get together when Loretta came to visit. She would always keep us laughing. She will be greatly missed. May she Rest In Peace in the comfort of the arms of our Lord. May the Lord be with the family and friends during this sad time. We will all meet again. Love and hugs to all. 🙏



Craig and Mary Ellen Harper

Mary Ellen Harper - March 05, 2018 at 09:28 AM

PD

“ Phyllis Trover Drury lit a candle in memory of Loretta M. Mayes



Phyllis Trover Drury - March 05, 2018 at 12:26 AM

SS

“ Loretta was so special to each of us and everyone who knew her. She brought so much joy and laughter into our lives. We loved her so much and will miss her. Knowing that we will see her in heaven gives us peace and comfort.

Love,
The Saba Family

Sue saba - March 04, 2018 at 05:27 PM

NC

“ I can't tell you what a blessing Loretta was to me. I have been a sub in the Manteno schools for 14 years. I'm thankful to Loretta for always being funny and enthusiastic. I'm going to miss her, but I know we will have a joyful reunion in Heaven!

Nancy Campbell - March 04, 2018 at 04:22 PM



“ You were an amazing person and so glad we could be a part of each other's lives.



Jennifer LaVoie - March 04, 2018 at 01:21 PM

KM

I am sad to hear of Loretta's passing. I worked with her for several years. She was a great lady! It was a privilege to know her!

Kim McCormick - March 04, 2018 at 06:20 PM

NF

“ *Mates Family:*

Sorry to hear about Loretta's passing. I and my late husband, Ralph, were neighbors in Sunnyside, Kankakee, IL. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Natalene Ferrari

Natalene Ferrari - March 04, 2018 at 11:41 AM

SR

“ *Love to all of you. I meant Loretta one time and still remember her smile. She was and is loved by all of you. Losing family leaves a void that can never be filled but can be remembered with so much love, laughs and tears of joy and sorrow. May God Bless all of you and love, laugh and cry for the joy of having her in your life. Shirley A Raney*

Shirley A Raney - March 04, 2018 at 09:29 AM

AS

“ *The beauty of lifelong neighborhood friendships! So saddened to lose Loretta who brought so much happiness and caring into the lives of others. Hugs to Susan and Christine.*



Ann Schramm - March 04, 2018 at 08:25 AM

YC

“ Condolences to Loretta's family from the Yorkville High School Girls Basketball Coaches. Loretta attended a number of our varsity games. Her neice, Kim Wensits, is the varsity head coach. We will miss seeing her at next year's games.

Yorkville Coaches - March 04, 2018 at 12:30 AM

Katie Johann

“ I miss you so, so very much! I am so very grateful for your friendship with my mom. You were such an amazing, special blessing in my life!! Your happiness, laughter and smile always made everything better. You encouraged my Faith and I have learned so much from you! Thank you!! I love you so much and you will be forever in my heart, with every memory there is a smile and I am forever grateful!! My prayers go out to all of the family, Prayers for love and peace 🙏💕 I love you!



Katie Johann - March 03, 2018 at 09:15 PM



“ *I'm so sad she is no longer here with us
I just want one more hug, one more talk, one more laugh. I know
someday I'll see her again.
She was a true inspiration to me and others with her unwavering
love, spirit, and compassion.
I will always love her and keep her in my heart.*



Karen Orth - March 03, 2018 at 01:41 PM

CF

“ *I will truly miss seeing this smiling face and sweet spirit that she
would bring to the Bible study. I will never forget the shocked look
she had on her face one time when she was standing by herself in a
grocery store in Katy Texas and I came up behind her and called
her name, I don't think she ever expected someone to recognize her
outside of her home town. Chris, thank you for sharing your sister
with us. In His Love Clarice*

Clarice Flinn - March 03, 2018 at 11:31 AM

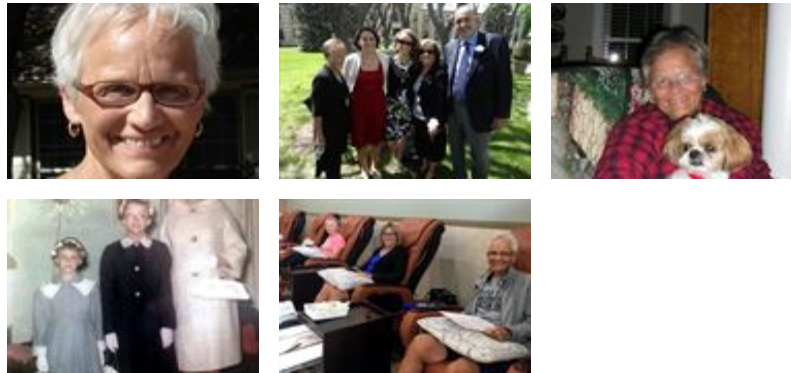
 Ryan
Parr

“ *I will always remember her presence at the Mayes' Family reunion,
and I share my condolences. Ryan Parr (son of Jan Feldhaus Parr
Hyde)*

Ryan Parr - March 03, 2018 at 11:05 AM



“ 76 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - March 03, 2018 at 10:54 AM

TA

“ *Tom & Judy Andersen lit a candle in memory of Loretta M. Mayes*



Tom & Judy Andersen - March 03, 2018 at 05:52 AM

DH

“ *It is so hard to see her smiling face here knowing we will no longer see it again on this earth. Comfort comes in knowing we will all be together again one day. All my love to you Susan and Christine and your families. Sisters are forever...in this world and the next. - Cousin Deb*

Deb Hendershott - March 03, 2018 at 01:00 AM

DM

“ *Debra Magruder lit a candle in memory of Loretta M. Mayes*



Debra Magruder - March 02, 2018 at 10:25 PM

JO

“ *Loretta was (is) the kindest, loving person I am proud to know! Her belief, in the goodness of our Savior, has spread through 2 generations with more to come!*

Jeri Orth - March 02, 2018 at 08:40 PM