



## Margaret E. (McKern) Dittrich

July 14, 1926 - August 26, 2020

Margaret E. (McKern) Dittrich, 94, of Kankakee passed away peacefully Wednesday, August 26 at the home of her daughter.

Margaret was born on July 14, 1926 in Rockford, IL, the second child of Athol and Irene (Veach) McKern. She was raised in Loves Park, IL and attended public schools there, graduating from Rockford Harlem High School in 1943.

Margaret married Robert "Bob" Dittrich on May 15, 1948 at St. James Catholic Church in Belvidere. Together, they owned and operated four restaurants over a 40 year period. Most notable of these was Club Irwin, in tiny Irwin, IL. Bob passed in 2008 just days short of their 60th wedding anniversary.

In addition to her husband Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, brother and sister-in-law Robert & Betty McKern of Chicago, brother Richard McKern of Needham, MA, her father and mother-in-law Herbert & Mary (Zenk) Dittrich, brother-in-law Carter Hadley of Ft. Walton Beach, FL brother and sister-in-law Kenneth and Angeline McDonald of Taylor, WI, brother and sister-in-law Howard and Marjorie Dittrich of Watseka and son-in-law Myron Bertram of Manteno.

Margaret is survived by her sons John (Lois) Dittrich of Tempe, AZ, Jim (Chris) Dittrich of Naples, FL, Jerry (Lisa) Dittrich of Portland, ME, daughter

Janet Bertram of Manteno, 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Mildred Hadley of Shalimar, FL sister-in-law Norma McKern of Dallas, TX and 18 nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the 10:30 a.m. funeral service on Monday, September 14, 2020 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Burial will follow at St. James Cemetery in Irwin. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Catholic Charities at [www.catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesjoliet.org).

# Cemetery Details

## St. James Cemetery in Irwin

Irwin, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

**AUG 26.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
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# Tribute Wall

PS

“ *Played much euchre with Bob and Maggie for years. Both super people. Sadly missed. My condolences to the family. You are in my prayers*

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**Phyllis A Stewart** - September 22, 2020 at 09:12 AM

MC

“ *Worked with Bob and Margaret in the kitchen at Lehigh on the Corner. Both were the best to work with. Mary taught me a lot in that small kitchen. Will always hold dear the memories my kids the Hadden girls and my family have of Bob Nd Marg.*

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**Mary Clark** - August 29, 2020 at 10:08 AM

NS

“ *Dittrich Family:*

*Please accept my thoughts and prayers, sorry to hear about Maggie. My late husband Ralph and I spent many enjoyable evenings playing euchre with her and Bob, we always looked forward to seeing them at various euchre games. Maggie baked a lot of great deserts, which we all enjoyed.*

*God Bless*

*Natalene Ferrari Schultz*

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**Natalene Ferrari Schultz** - August 29, 2020 at 09:48 AM

SB

*My deepest condolences yo all of Marge's family and friends! She lived a good life and i'm so glad i got to know her and Bob while i was living in Vegas and they would come to visit Jerry and Lisa! We spent many a night playing poker!*

*I'm sure she is enjoying a bingo game up there as she spends eternity with her beloved husband Bob!*

*My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time! Sheila Bonenfant*

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**Sheila Bonenfant** - August 30, 2020 at 09:46 AM

JK

*Janet*

*My condolences to you and your family*

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**janice king** - September 02, 2020 at 09:22 PM

CJ

*Janet, my heart and prayers go out to you and your family with the loss of your mom.*

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**Connie Jauch** - September 16, 2020 at 11:33 PM

RD

“ *We will all miss Grandma but her love will be passed for generations.* ”



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**Rob Dittrich** - August 28, 2020 at 10:48 PM