



Marian A. McKenna

December 5, 1927 - June 14, 2024

Marian A. McKenna, 96, of Kankakee, passed away on Friday, June 14, 2024, at Courtyard Estates in Herscher. Marian was born December 5, 1927, in rural Kankakee County; the daughter of John and Edith (Knittel) O'Connor. Marian married John "Jack" E. McKenna in Irwin in 1952; they shared 40 years of marriage before he preceded her in death in 1992. Marian was a member of St. James Catholic Church and Council of Catholic Women in Irwin and formerly St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. She and Jack were active in Knights of Columbus Council 745 where Marian was on the Ladies Auxiliary. She was an excellent quilter and euchre player, who enjoyed cooking and baked the best pies. She loved camping; most of all Marian loved spending time with her family. Marian worked for many years for State Senator Jerry Joyce, the county treasurer, the circuit clerk, and Knights of Columbus.

Marian is survived by her children: Cindy (Jim) Traver of East Peoria, IL, Kathy (Charlie) Olson of Lindenhurst, IL, and John McKenna of Kankakee, her grandchildren: Amy (Bryan) Fuller, Alyssa (Carissa Isbell) Traver, Jack (Kim) Olson, and Maddie Olson. She was "Grandma-the-Great" to great-grandchildren: Ethan and Emma Fuller, and another great-grandchild expected in July. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Marian was preceded in death by her parents, her infant son Timothy McKenna, her brothers Russell (Doreen) and Damian

(Jeanette) O'Connor, brothers and sisters-in-law Bob & Laura McKenna, and Clark & Helen McKenna.

The family will receive guests at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee on Thursday, June 20, from 10 am until the time of the Noon service. Rev. Ron Nietzke will officiate the service. Interment will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

Those who wish may leave memorials in Marian's name to Uplifted Care Hospice or Knights of Columbus Council 745.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

JUN 20. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BK

“ *My condolences to the whole McKenna family. I cleaned for Mrs. McKenna for many years. She was a very special lady. She loved talking about her family and what everyone was up to. Family meant a lot to her. And I could always ask for her advice. She was very nice to my 2 kids and they grew to like her very much. I will forever remember the time we spent together. Now she's at peace and back with her husband that she missed so dearly.*

Bridgett Keenan - July 03, 2024 at 06:12 PM

BK

I'm so heartbroken that I didn't get to say goodbye.

Bridgett Keenan - July 03, 2024 at 06:21 PM

MK

“ *We have so many memories of Marion. She was a special lady. We will always remember the fun times at the K of C. One special memory was her painting the bathrooms with Ralph. God Bless. Ralph and Maureen Kliest*

Maureen Kliest - June 19, 2024 at 09:25 PM

TD

“ *My deepest sympathies to the entire McKenna family. She was always so warm and welcoming. Tammy DiOrio nee Schumacher*

Tammy DiOrio - June 19, 2024 at 06:24 PM

PH

“Marian and Jack McKenna were forces of nature. In 1984, a fierce snow storm and howling winds made our apartment in Bournonnais impossible as we had a year old baby. The temperature on Mohawk drive never got above 45 degrees, Marian called Mary and said, " Get yourself and that baby over here now. We have plenty of room. We did. Marian had a heart big enough for three counties. Kathy, Cindy and John and all of the rest of us have lost and another anchor, but Christ will welcome home a genuine saint. Pat Hickey

Pat Hickey - June 18, 2024 at 12:38 PM

CO

“Marian was such a special lady. She was wonderful at sharing family memories & history. She was God Mother to my late husband Harry Daniel O'Connor and spent many good times at Club Irwin with his parents Ted & Bonita O'Connor. I was honored to spend so much time with her when I worked at Harvest View/Courtyard Estates. She always had a smile and liked to visit with others & have fun. My heart and prayers are with her family ♥️🍀



Cindy Marie (Stearns) O'Connor - June 18, 2024 at 11:36 AM

TM

“ *Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Marian A. McKenna*



Tom Mallaney - June 18, 2024 at 05:32 AM

SB

“ *Marian was a sweet lady with a beautiful soul and kind heart. She was bound to put a smile on your face, with her wonderfull since of humor. She will be greatly missed.*



Sherry Bowen - June 17, 2024 at 03:50 PM