



Marilyn A. Hodak

October 29, 1932 - May 22, 2019

Marilyn A. Hodak, 86, of Kankakee died Wednesday May 22, 2019 surrounded by family. She was born October 29, 1932 in Kankakee to John P. Yonke and Esther Anderson Yonke. She and her husband, John L. Hodak, were married for 58 years. Marilyn and John were high school sweethearts and King and Queen of the St. Patrick High School prom.

She is survived by five sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Chris Hodak of Chicago, Mark and Paula Hodak of Kankakee, Bruce and Paula Hodak of Lexington, N.C., Phil and Sue Hodak of Kankakee, and Doug and Katie Hodak of Darien; eleven grandchildren Jason Hodak, Jill Ngo, Jeremy Hodak, Jared Hodak, Katie Bean, Eleanor Siebers, Hannah Hodak, John Hodak, Rachel Morris, Ross Williamson, and Carrie Williamson; and fifteen great-grandchildren; one sister, Martha DeFily of Downers Grove; one brother Arthur (Stephanie) Yonke of Rock Island; in-laws Kay (Jim) Vider of Panama City Beach, FL and Gladys Otto of Bay Village, OH. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, son, Daniel, nephew Fred; in laws, Vincent DeFily and George Otto.

Marilyn and John enjoyed traveling with their family in their RV, vacationing in Mexico, square dancing, and boating on the Kankakee River.

As a teenager, Marilyn began working as a carhop at Jaenicke's Root Beer

Stand. After raising her sons, she assumed various roles in the family automotive business. Marilyn was an active member of St. Patrick Parish where she was the CCW President, Woman of the Year, a Eucharistic Minister, homebound minister and led the retired women's craft circle on Friday mornings. She volunteered with Meals on Wheels, Seconds to Go, St. Mary's Hospital, and Heritage Village. She loved hosting parties, gardening, and had a particular love of butterflies.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm on Friday, May 24, 2019 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. The funeral mass will be at 11:00 am on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at St. Patrick Church in Kankakee. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley, St. Patrick Catholic Church, or Bishop McNamara Catholic School.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 24. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

MAY 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
428 S. Indiana
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-6716

Tribute Wall

CC

“ To the Hodak family: I got to know Marilyn and John through Cardiac Rehab. They were truly special people and I will always remember their many kindnesses to me. They were a great couple and devoted to family. Their sense of humor and fun was a blessing to those who experienced it. Hers was a life well lived. I know how much Marilyn missed John all these years as well as struggled healthwise. I hope that knowing they are together again in God's care brings you some comfort. You are all in my prayers. May God bless you always.
Cathy Conrad

Cathy Conrad - May 28, 2019 at 11:26 PM

BJ

“ Mark, so very sorry for your loss. Barb Jackson, CSL



Barb Jackson - May 28, 2019 at 10:25 AM

MB

“ Mary Pat And Bill Barney lit a candle in memory of Marilyn A. Hodak



Mary Pat and Bill Barney - May 25, 2019 at 10:41 PM

MB

We are so sorry for the passing of this very dear lady.....such a good friend to Catherine Taylor. Fr. John will be saying a Mass.

Mary Pat and Bill Barney - May 25, 2019 at 10:43 PM

CD

“ *To the Family of Marilyn: I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your dear mother, Marilyn.*

My sympathies go out to family and friends. Hold onto all the uplifting memories you have of Marilyn. God rest the soul of Marilyn...

*Blessings of remembrances, Chaplain Carole R. DiZeo
Director of Pastoral Care
Presence Heritage Village*

Chaplain Carole R. DiZeo - May 25, 2019 at 02:57 PM

KB

“ *To all of Marilyn's family, our hearts, thoughts, and prayers are with you all today and in the coming days and time to come. We loved her....when you have special friends like Bruce and Paula in your lives, we feel like we all share each other's parents. Gordon loved messing and teasing with her starting in college, and particularly when she gave it right back.... and in his words, "she and her sass didn't back down!" Always enjoyed visits in N.C. from Marilyn and John and so appreciative being invited to share their visit. Just special people. May your many memories comfort you all as time goes on and bring smiles along with the tears. Much sympathy,
Kathy and Gordon Butler*

Kathy/Gordon Butler - May 24, 2019 at 07:26 PM



“ *Jennifer Razzano lit a candle in memory of Marilyn A. Hodak*



Jennifer Razzano - May 24, 2019 at 09:29 AM

MM

“ *MR MRS lit a candle in memory of Marilyn A. Hodak*



MR MRS - May 24, 2019 at 07:13 AM

TS

“ *We absolutely LOVED Marilyn. We loved her spunk! We loved her wit! We loved everything about her! She will be missed, but she is thrilled to be with John again! Heaven Rejoices in Marilyn's Birth-into-PARADISE-DAY.*
Rich and Therese Schultz

Therese Schultz - May 23, 2019 at 03:17 PM