



Marilyn I. Shimkus

April 13, 1928 - January 9, 2013

Marilyn I. Shimkus, 84, died January 9, 2013 with her family by her side. A memorial visitation will be held from 10:30 until the 11:00 a.m. funeral mass on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at Maternity B.V.M., where she was a member. Cremation Rites have been accorded.

Surviving are her devoted husband, Joseph W. Shimkus, whom she married January 3, 1948 at Our Lady of Hungary Church; her beloved children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, Kathleen (Tom) Eagan, Joseph (Christine) Shimkus, Michael Shimkus, Renee (Joshua) Koons, James Eagan, Thomas Eagan, Daniel Koons, and Andrew Koons; her dear sisters, Joan Bourget and Frances Knaack; and her brother-in-law, Steve (Dorothy) Shimkus. Marilyn was a "Special Grandma" to Kellye, a fond aunt to many especially B.J., and also a cherished God Mother to many including Laurie Poderski.

Marilyn was the first born of Guy & Ann Richards on April 13, 1928 in Chicago. She attended St. Mels Grammar School and later attended Lindblom High School where she met her dearest friend Emily (Kicul) Lepinske. They remained close friends over the years. Marilyn & Joseph had lived in West Pullman where they owned and operated Shimkus Bros. Certified Grocery Store, along with her brother-in-law. During those years, they attended St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church.

The couple later moved to Bourbonnais, where their sons and daughter-in-law opened Sweet Street. Marilyn became the "Little Grandma" of her beloved

Sweet Street. She enjoyed talking to all the little children that came in the store and helping in the store.

Marilyn is preceded in death by her parents; one niece, Ursula Shimkus; one nephew, Thomas Bourget; and two brothers-in-law, Bert Knaack and Robert Bourget.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 19. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvmchurch.org/>

Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall

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“ Susan F. Curry lit a candle in memory of Marilyn I. Shimkus



Susan F. Curry - January 18, 2013 at 09:31 PM

LS

“ To all the "sweet street" family, my sincere sympathy at the loss of your Dear mother. she was always a source of fun and pleasantries as she went about her chores behind the counter. .She surely has paid her "dues" here on earth and is now basking in the the love and warmth of our Lord Jesus May you be blessed with many fond memories of her fruitful life.

LARRY "DBL DIP"SKELLY or as mom reffered, MR dbl dip..

larry skelly - January 17, 2013 at 04:29 PM

TR

“ How sorry I am that this lovely lady has passed. I am sure that she has led a wonderful life and will be missed by many. I am also certain that she was the inspiration for sweet in sweet street. R.I.P. Marilyn. Tom Rust

Tom Rust - January 16, 2013 at 09:26 PM

LK

“ Dear Kathy and family ,it was a pleasure to get to know your mom a little bit these past few months.When she was able , and would come up to my desk we had quite a few nice talks.She was so proud of you all and it showed in the stories she told. She was blessed to have you all in her life...a loving and supportive family. I hope that your wonderful memories help you through this very hard time. God Bless, Loretta Krutsinger

Loretta Krutsinger - January 16, 2013 at 12:39 PM

LR

“ Dear Aunt Marilyn,

As you watch the family from above, know that it won't be easy here without you. You are terribly missed already.

Do you remember when you told me about picture frames? I do. I was very young, as were you, and I was helping you dust in the big beautiful house on 123rd St. You said that it took you a couple of years of marriage to finally realize that picture frames get dusty. Yes, the pictures hanging on the walls needed dusting! I've never forgotten that and I must tell you that all my frames get dusted.

You were always so kind to me. You made me feel good. And you seemed to have boundless energy. And that energy never diminished. You were always like that bunny on TV. It was amazing to see.

Marilyn, you will forever be in our hearts and minds. Right now, we all mourn your passing. But I know where you are and look forward to the day we can be together again.

*With love,
-LaVerne Rickard*

LaVerne Rickard - January 16, 2013 at 01:23 AM

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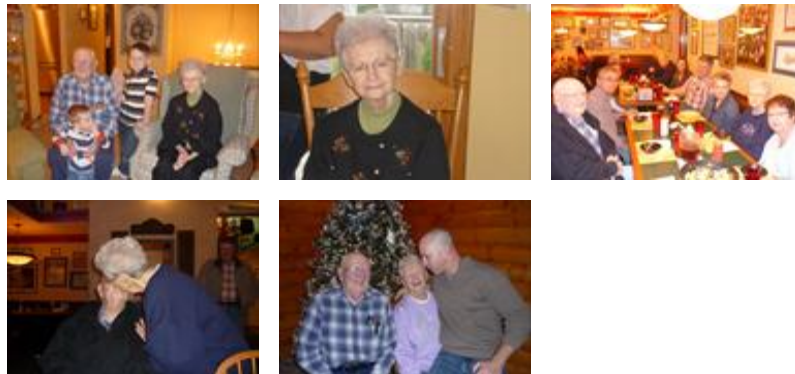
*To my dear family and my dear sweet Aunt Marilyn; You truly will be missed. I loved visiting you and Uncle Joe in your mobile home and how you always had bowls of candy out. You use to tell us kids to help ourselves and we only lived once! You know you were my fav to visit when it came to being young and eating candy <3 LOL...
I know how hard this is on Cathy, Joey & Mike, especially Uncle Joe. Our hearts and Prayers are with you all. We miss all of you and wish we could be with you more.*

*God Bless,
Foy, Susan, Justin, Ryan and Natalie Curry*

Susan F. Curry - January 18, 2013 at 09:26 PM

MS

“ 8 files added to the album Tribute Wall Album



Mike-Chris-Joe Shimkus - January 15, 2013 at 11:01 PM

CD

“ *My Aunt Marilyn was always so full of life she made my visits so much fun! I knew when I went to her house she would spoil me with anything I wanted from their store and I always had armfuls of donuts, cookies and candy to go with the movies we were going to stay up and watch. Of course, I always loved to visit her and still dream of that house with its warm kitchen always full of laughter! She will be missed!*

Cindy Daily - January 15, 2013 at 10:55 PM

FR

“ I have fond memories of my sister, Marilyn, when she was young being vibrant and full of life. She belonged to so many organizations. She helped everyone on the block get autographed 8 x 10 studio photographs of their favorites Hollywood stars. During high school our family moved away, but she wanted to finish school with her friends. She convinced the school to let her stay and took two train cars to get to class. She never missed a day of school. Later, she organized a club where neighborhood kids could get together and listen to records. It got so popular that it outgrew the real estate building she was using. She was also very into fashion. She has pleated skirts in every color (I know, I ironed them) and she would let her friends borrow them.

I'll always remember her as being full life and energy.

Love,

Frankie

Frances - January 15, 2013 at 08:43 PM

TR

“ Thanks, Aunt Marilyn, for always coming into my room and listening to music with me. I'll always be your "Boo Boo."

- Love B.J.

Tracy - January 15, 2013 at 07:52 PM