



## Martha "Sue" (Whorrall) Bydalek

June 25, 1936 - February 13, 2023

Martha Larosa (Whorrall) Bydalek, also known as Sue Bydalek 86, of Kankakee departed our world on February 13, 2023.

She was born to parents Forrest and Margaret Whorrall on June 25, 1936 in Onarga, Il.

Martha's nickname, Sue, came to be at an early age. Her toddler brother, Donnie, who was one year older, could not pronounce the name Martha. It happens that her father, Forrest, had a local grocery store with an advertisement in the window with a little girl named Sue. Donnie began calling her "sister Sue," and the name stuck with her throughout her life. Only her Onarga Aunts were to call her by her given name of Martha.

Sue "Martha" graduated from Grant Park High School and went on to become a telephone operator for the phone company in Kankakee until she married Leonard F. Bydalek on January 26, 1957. Their marriage and time together were what people dream of on their wedding day. Sue was a sweet and wonderful wife, mother, a favorite aunt and loving friend. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, and cooking. Everyone looked forward to her baked goods during holidays and gatherings. Her garden flowers were always beautiful. She loved working outside in her yard and taking daily walks. Her 80th Birthday wish was that her beloved Cubs would win the world series, and they came through,

like magic, “Fly the W!” She was easily pleased, living a life full of gratitude and would say her life was good.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Julie Bydalek and Thomas Finn of Ipswich, MA; sister, Katherine Wicker of Dunedin, FL; sister-in-law, Patricia Lamore of Manteno, IL; daughter-in-law, Denise Bydalek of Kennewick, WA; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Donald and Richard Whorrall; husband, Leonard Bydalek; son, Richard Bydalek; and granddaughter, Michelle Bydalek Strausberger

Visitation will be held from 9-10:45 am. on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. also on Tuesday, at St. John Paul II – West Campus. Interment will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please consider a donation to the following organizations:

American Cancer Society, <https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate.html>

Alzheimer’s Foundation of America, <https://alzfdn.org/>

A Hospice Organization that serves your community.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary

2000 E. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

FEB 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus  
953 South 9th Avenue  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Your Mom was a wonderful friend to my Mom. Both my parents thought so much of your Dad and Mom. Your Mom had such a great smile and was always so friendly. They kept their friendship thru decades of years. I know it meant a lot to all of them. I am sure she will be greatly missed .*

*Linda Scanlon ( daughter of Betty & Mario Sebastiani)*

*I have had surgery this past week and am unable to attend your Mom's service. I would have certainly been there if I could have.)*

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**Linda Scanlon** - February 19, 2023 at 08:36 AM

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“ *She was my one and only sister, I couldn't have asked for better. Although we were miles apart, we stayed close and in touch. It will be so terribly hard to go on without her.*

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**Katherine Whorrall Wicker** - February 15, 2023 at 02:29 PM