



Mary Blanchette

May 3, 1935 - October 19, 2010

Visitation for Mary V. Blanchette, 75, of Manteno, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee. Father Charles Wheeler and Father Vern Arseneau will officiate. Entombment will be in All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum, Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to Provena St. Mary's Hospital Trauma Center or Hospice of Kankakee Valley. She died Tuesday (Oct. 19, 2010) at her home. Mrs. Blanchette retired from St. Mary's Hospital after 35 years, where she was an emergency room registered nurse, and had also worked in the Kankakee County Corrections Department. She was born May 3, 1935, in Joliet, the daughter of Sylvester and Mary Staley Spreitzer. Her husband, Vernon O. Blanchette, whom she married in 1956 at St. Raymond Catholic Church in Joliet, died Jan. 19, 2001. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from St. Mary's School of Nursing and also graduated from St. Francis in Joliet. She was a member of the Red Hat Society and was an avid Chicago White Sox fan. She enjoyed playing bingo and cards, and attending her grandchildren's sporting events. Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Mary Blanchette, and Rick and Mia Blanchette, all of Manteno; one daughter and son-in-law, Melanie and Ron Grubbs, of Bradley; nine grandchildren, Eric Blanchette, Danielle (Matt) Warchol, Scott Blanchette, Marc Blanchette, Lauren Grubbs, Morgan Grubbs, Connor, Joseph, and Samantha Blanchette; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Marlene and Jack

Schwab, of Marion, Kathy Cassidy, of Lewisville, Texas, and Cheryl and Al Lisi, of Castle Rock, Colo.; and two brothers and one sister-in-law, Raymond and Sue Spreitzer, of Elwood, and Richard Spreitzer, of Joliet. Deceased are her parents and one brother, Robert Spreitzer; and her dog, Bo.

Tribute Wall



“ *Missing you so much Mom. Love You.*

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“ *Randy, we are sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Jim and Eileen Conradi##imported-end##*

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“ *Mary was a great nurse and friend. i;½We often were on the same motorcoach trips through Homestar Bank. i;½She was fun to socialize with. i;½My deepest sympathy to all of her family.##imported-begin##Cheryl Heldt##imported-end##*

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“ *Sorry about your loss!##imported-begin##Mary Carmain##imported-end##*

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“ Mary was one of the most kindest and sincere people I have ever met. I just loved working with her. ##imported-begin##Mary & Larry Conwill##imported-end##

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“ Mary is a great person. She is one of those people that you don't forget. A Great, knowledgable nurse. And a TERRIFIC bowler! ##imported-begin##Brad and Hope O'Keefe##imported-end##

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“ Mary was a great friend and co-worker. She was also a great mentor. I will never forget her. My sympathy to her entire family. ##imported-begin##Pat & ½ Donath##imported-end##

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“ Dear Children and Grandchildren of Mary Virginia,

Please accept my prayers and sympathy on the death of your dear Mom and Grandma.

##imported-begin##Natalie Timko Bayci##imported-end##

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“ *Very sorry for the loss of Mary. I'm sure she was a great lady. My thoughts and prayers are with her and her family. I'm a family historian or genealogist. I'm wondering if Mary's husband parents are Francis Blanchette & Stella Granger and Stella's parents are Eugene Granger & Regina Bouchard. If so, I wish the cousins of the Blanchette family contact me so they may see their family tree and french canadian heritage on my family history website called "Charles Granger 1810" named after my Great, Great Grandfather Charles Granger who settled in St. George, Illinois in 1847.##imported-begin##Donald Granger##imported-end##*

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“ *It was my pleasure to work with Mary at St. Mary's Hospital during the time that I worked and trained as a Radiographer (x-ray) department spent time in ER and work with Mary on occasion Sue and I are sending you are deepest sympathy to your family in this time of need may God keep you all in the palm of his hand.##imported-begin##Edwin and Susan Viglia Jr.##imported-end##*

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“ *My thoughts are and prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Toni McBride-Timm##imported-end##*

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I worked for many years with Mary through St. Mary's Hospital, and will remember her fondly for her dedication and talent as a nurse, but also for her wit and warmth as a person. The world lost one of the best with her passing, but heaven got another angel. Will miss you, lady.###imported-begin##Becky Wilder###imported-end##

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“ Mary Veronica helped me with filling in blanks on the Gibbons family genealogy many years ago.###imported-begin##charlotte Carpenter Smith###imported-end##

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“ I am a former St. Mary's employee, having been Director of Human Resources.

I remember Mary as a devoted employee and an outstanding Emergency Room Nurse/Manager.

½When I was at St. Mary's, we were such a close-knit family group. ½We worked well together and supported one another all the time.

½I extend my condolences to Mary's family. ½I know you will miss her.

Frances Haase

Tucson, Arizona###imported-begin##Frances Haase###imported-end##

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“ Randy, Rick and Melanie ~

Brothers, Sisters and Families~

 i;½May you find strength and comfort in each other in this time of sorrow. I am so sorry for your loss. Mary was a great person, who will be missed.

 i;½My prayers are with you.

 i;½Dennis Bartusek###imported-begin###Dennis Bartusek###imported-end##

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“ Dear Randy, Mary, Rick, Melanie and all of Mary's family,

My heart and prayers are with you; I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear Mom. She is so loved for her kindness and gentleness, and all remember her as such a special and wonderful person. I wish you God's powerful comfort and the knowledge that your Mom is with you still.

God bless you.

Love,

Wendy Ludwig###imported-begin###Wendy Ludwig###imported-end##

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“ I'm so sorry to not be able to make it to the wake or service. I will always remember Mary as one of the most pleasant, and willing people to work with. She definitely will be missed.

Jean###imported-begin###Jean Martin###imported-end##

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“ So sorry for your loss.###imported-begin###Shirley Harris###imported-end##

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“ *Marlene, very sorry you lost your

sister*##imported-
begin##Shirley Marrs##imported-end##

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