



Mary Lou Joyce

March 13, 1923 - December 18, 2008

Visitation for Mary Lou Joyce, 85, of Manteno, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Manteno. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Manteno, where she was a member. The Rev. Al Heidecke will officiate. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Manteno. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. She died Thursday (Dec. 18, 2008) at Provena Our Lady of Victory, Bourbonnais, after a sudden illness. Mrs. Joyce was retired from Manteno State Hospital. She was born March 13, 1923, in Logan, Utah, the daughter of William and Hulda Larson Evans. She was a member of the Manteno American Legion Auxiliary Post 755 and the Home Extension Association. She enjoyed politics, basketball, baseball and spending time with family and friends. Surviving are her husband, Michael J. Joyce, of Manteno, whom she married Jan. 24, 1945, in Essex; three daughters and one son-in-law, Patty and Pat Mickler of Bradley, Jean Joyce of Manteno, Julie Wood of Valkaria, Fla.; three grandchildren, Michael Wood and his fiancée, Gwyn Pharis, Davey Wood and Jacob Wood; brothers and sisters-in-law, Kathleen Martin of Peru, Frank and Bo Joyce of Cumming, Ga., Mike and Eileen Seymour of Eau Claire, Wis., Liz Joyce of St. Robert, Mo. Doris Joyce of Essex, Genevive Joyce of Newnan, Ga.; and many nieces and nephews. Deceased are her parents; one granddaughter, Emily Violet Wood; and one sister, Leona Hammond of Utah.

Tribute Wall



“ MIKE PATTY JULIE AND JEANNE I WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME. *½*THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE IS ALWAYS HARD BUT SOMETIMES IS EVEN MORE DIFFICULT WHEN IT HAPPENS AT A HOLIDAY SEASON.

IT IS SAID IN THE BOOK OF ROMANS THAT NOTHING WILL SEPERATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD AND I FIRMLY BELIEVE THIS. *½*MAY GOD GRANT YOU HIS PEACE IN THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

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“ My Aunt Mary Lou was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever known. *½*My Uncle Mike and my Aunt Mary Lou showed all of us what marriage is all about. *½*My mom, Eileen, just told us a sweet story of when she met Mary Lou. *½*My mom was a little girl and said that she thought Mary Lou was the most beautiful woman she had ever seen. My thoughts and prayers are with all of Aunt Mary Lou's loved ones.###imported-begin##Beth Chapin###imported-end##

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“ Mike, Patty, Jean and Julie,

I was so sorry to hear about Mary Lou's passing, and my condolences go out to you.

Some of my fondest childhood memories are of visiting all of you at Christmas time with Mom and Dad, and my sisters Sheryl and Patti. ĩ½It was something I always looked forward to.

Memories of the good times endure forever. ĩ½My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief.##imported-begin##Daniel Finn##imported-end##

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“ Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Growing up in Wisconsin we didn't see our Illinois relatives as much as we would have liked to but when we did we always had such a great time. It was so exciting.

Every time there was a gathering there was Aunt Mary Lou with a smile on her face and a great big hug and kiss for all of us! She will be greatly missed.

Love you all.

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