



## Maureen James

August 8, 1950 - May 20, 2012

Maureen A. James, 61, of Manteno, died Sunday (May 20, 2012) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Manteno, where funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday. Father Dan Belanger will officiate.

Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Dixon. Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Mrs. James worked at Grief Inc. in Bradley. She had also worked at Monsanto, Valspar and Borg Warner. She was born Aug. 8, 1950, in Dixon, the daughter of Francis and Frances Brechon O'Brien. She was a member of St. George Catholic Church and the Rosie Fund. She received a Master of Business Arts degree from Olivet Nazarene University. She gave to many charities and loved gardening.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas M. James, of Manteno, whom she married Oct. 10, 1979, in Dixon; one stepdaughter, Laura Enlow, of Dixon; one stepgrandson, Derrick Enlow, of Dixon; one stepgreat-granddaughter, Rilynn Enlow; one sister and brother-in-law, Marita and Russ Fritts, of Dixon; five brothers and two sisters-in-law, Ron and Colleen O'Brien, of Dixon, Joe O'Brien, of Rock Falls, Dave and Cathy O'Brien, of Harvard, Gene O'Brien, of Franklin Grove, and Charles O'Brien, of Rock Falls; and many nieces and

nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

# Cemetery Details

## The Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon

Dixon, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 23.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
291 N. Main St.  
Manteno, IL 60950  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

**MAY 24.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SF

“ I had the extreme pleasure of working with Maureen as one of her professors at Olivet. She was such a blessing to me, and to her entire class with her quick smile and thoughtful comments. What a wonderful spirit and energy she demonstrated to all that she encountered. My condolences to her family.

Scott Fortin

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Scott Fortin - June 20, 2012 at 08:48 PM

LE

“ It is hard to put into words what Maureen is to me and life without her in it. Several weeks has gone by since we lost her from her battle with cancer. Maureen is one of the few people that was "lit from within". Her Child like curiosity in all things made everyone view the things she saw in a different way. The love of nature and animals, her ability to see only the good in someone or something. I look at her picture everyday and am reminded of what we all lost, a beautiful, lovely, intelligent, talented and curious woman in the prime of her life. Thank you for sharing yourself with so many of us over the years. I can only hope that the grace and goodness you shared with others that you loved and cared for will stay with us. We will try to honor your life by our future deeds. Love and miss you always. Laura

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Laura Enlow - June 06, 2012 at 12:13 AM

PS

“ *My sincere sympathy to Maureen's husband and family. I had the extreme pleasure of working with Maureen. She indeed was a special and wonderful lady.*



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**Pat Schatz** - June 01, 2012 at 10:55 AM

AN

“ *On behalf of Fr. Mario Quejadas and the parishioners of St. Martin of Tours Kankakee, I would like to express our sincerest condolences to your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*



*May God's blessings of love and peace be upon you.*

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**Aimee Flor Nellas** - May 25, 2012 at 10:02 AM

MK

“ *Maureen was one very special lady. The world is a better place because she was in it.*

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**Mary Helene Kalka** - May 23, 2012 at 06:27 PM

BD

“ *Bill And Barbara Deutsch sent a virtual gift in memory of Maureen James*



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**Bill and Barbara Deutsch** - May 23, 2012 at 04:46 PM

BD

“ We became better acquainted with Maureen at the Gene O'Brien July 4th dinners. Little did we know how precious those encounters were and can only marvel at her love of life and the goals she had made and met for herself. She exhibited the O'Brien spirit to the utmost. She will be missed.

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**Bill and Barbara Deutsch** - May 23, 2012 at 04:40 PM

MT

“ Maureen was a very special person who always had a lovely smile for others and supported many causes. She will be sorely missed.  
May God bless her family with peace and may sweet memories bring smiles.



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**Mary Thomson** - May 23, 2012 at 01:40 PM

CW

“ Maureen was one of those rare people who saw the good in everything. She never met a stranger and made many friends on her neighborhood walks with Barney. She was awestruck with simple things in life, the beauty of her garden, the sweetness of a fresh picked strawberry, the love of her animals. She had the ability to stop and smell the roses, we could all take a lesson in that. I will miss her laughter, our long talks and our friendship.  
Cathy Wazny

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**Cathy Wazny** - May 23, 2012 at 09:17 AM

RO

“ *Ron And Colleen O'Brien lit a candle in memory of Maureen James*



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**Ron and Colleen O'Brien** - May 22, 2012 at 10:40 PM

RF

“ *Maureen, there was a special reservation in heaven awaiting a very special person. Our only regret was that you were called to fulfill that vacancy entirely too soon. We will love and cherish your memories for an eternity. Russ and Marita Fritts*

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**Russ and Marita Fritts** - May 22, 2012 at 09:38 PM

DH

“ *Derek & Kelly Hipple lit a candle in memory of Maureen James*



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**Derek & Kelly Hipple** - May 22, 2012 at 09:02 PM

DH

“ *Aunt Maureen, you are greatly missed but we all know you are in a better place now. You truly were the best aunt and godmother anyone could have had. I just wish you could have met my sweet baby boy. You will always be loved and missed very much.*

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**Derek and Kelly Hipple** - May 22, 2012 at 09:00 PM

LA

“ Larry And Jackie Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Maureen James



Larry and Jackie Atkinson - May 22, 2012 at 07:37 PM

KM

“ you dont know but i am your cousin. please tell my mother that i love her. even though i dont know you you i will miss you.

katlyn melton - May 22, 2012 at 06:42 PM

MK

“ Maureen, you were a beautiful and talented person who left this world way to soon. This world has been blessed by your presence as will the next. Send my love to our family as you meet them in heaven.

Marcella Kitson - May 22, 2012 at 05:54 PM

MK

“ Marcella Kitson lit a candle in memory of Maureen James



Marcella Kitson - May 22, 2012 at 05:52 PM

PK

“ Maureen was an outstanding MBA student at Olivet Nazarene University. My condolences to her family and friends.

Paul Koch - May 22, 2012 at 05:26 PM

SC

“ Sharon Costello lit a candle in memory of Maureen James



sharon costello - May 22, 2012 at 03:14 PM

SC

*As a young girl my greatest memory was our family visiting at your home and watching you draw the most precious pictures of beautiful horses. Love you always and you are in our family's thoughts and prayers. Love, the Costellos.*

sharon costello - May 22, 2012 at 03:23 PM

NF

“ Nikki & Aaron Blackert & Family lit a candle in memory of Maureen James



Nikki & Aaron Blackert & family - May 22, 2012 at 02:24 PM

BE

“ I worked with Maureen at Valspar...she was a very nice and caring person. My deepest sympathies go out to her family during this difficult time of loss.



Beth Erzinger - May 22, 2012 at 02:08 PM

DD

“ To a great friend, you will be missed but not forgotten. Although our friendship was way to short, the time we had will be cherished forever and I will keep you in my memories and my heart. You always had a smile, a listening ear and a forgiving heart when someone was in need and for that I Love ya Mo! I am sad to have lost you but comforted that you are in the presence of our Heavenly Father. Until we meet again friend!

Dawn Denault - May 22, 2012 at 01:54 PM

QV

“ Qiana R. White - Valspar



Qiana R. White - Valspar - May 22, 2012 at 01:13 PM

FB

“ Frances (Leenknecht) Buelow lit a candle in memory of Maureen James



Frances (Leenknecht) Buelow - May 22, 2012 at 12:36 PM

GN

“ Greg & Katie Noble lit a candle in memory of Maureen James



Greg & Katie Noble - May 22, 2012 at 10:19 AM

JO

“ *I was always in awe of Maureen with her talent for drawing horses. She had a unique style and each one was beautiful.*

Joyce O'Brien - May 22, 2012 at 09:25 AM

MB

“ *Mollie & Onie Butt lit a candle in memory of Maureen James*



Mollie & Onie Butt - May 22, 2012 at 09:15 AM

GO

“ *Gene O'brien lit a candle in memory of Maureen James*



gene o'brien - May 22, 2012 at 08:47 AM

GO

“ *With the sadness and emptiness that we, as family feel, we love you Maureen, and, as we pray for you, are comforted with the joy of knowing that you, now in the presence of God, will never cease praying for all of us. The memories of your insatiable curiosity and ambitious pursuits, always completed with an excellence which was uniquely yours, is a standard we can only aspire to. we miss you dearly. we love you much. pray for us!*

*gene  
franklin grove, il*

gene o'brien - May 22, 2012 at 08:36 AM

MF

“ *To my only sister, my best friend. You have left a hole in my heart that can never be filled. A day will never pass that I won't think of you. I love you forever Maureen.*

*Marita Fritts  
Dixon, IL*

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**Marita Fritts** - May 21, 2012 at 08:30 PM

JF

“ *Best Aunt and Godmother anyone could have hoped for, but I was lucky enough for her to be mine. It hurts because you left this world way too soon but we know you're in a better place. Love you forever Aunt Maureen.*

*Jared and Shelley Fritts  
Jacksonville, FL*

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**Jared Fritts** - May 21, 2012 at 06:11 PM