



Orva Sobieski

February 5, 1925 - May 25, 2011

Memorial Mass for Orva H. Sobieski will be held at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Clifton, IL on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. There will be no visitation. The Rev. Vern Arseneau will officiate.

Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Kankakee. Memorials may be made to St. Peter's Catholic Church, Clifton, or to Merkle-Knipprath Nursing Home, Clifton, where she was a resident.

Mrs. Sobieski was born February 8, 1925 in Chicago the daughter of Irwin P. Murphy and Helen Sahly Murphy. She married her beloved husband, Michael Sobieski on June 11, 1960 in Kankakee. They resided in Manteno and Bourbonnais until his death in 1990.

Mrs. Sobieski had been a resident of the Kankakee and Bourbonnais area since 1932. She died May 25, 2011 at Merkle-Knipprath where she had lived for 12 years. She had come to consider the wonderful nurses, LPN's, CNA's, cafeteria personnel, and the entire staff as well as the Franciscan Brothers as a second family. They reciprocated those feelings back to her, and they made it evident through the loving care, friendship, and thoughtfulness they showed her. She was extremely grateful for their presence.

Mrs. Sobieski had been employed in various careers throughout her life. Her final employment was at Riverside Hospital. Orva's adjustment to life as a resident of the Merkle-Knipprath Nursing Home proved to be a happy one. She received wonderful care from the entire staff, and enjoyed many recreational activities provided by this wonderful facility. Her family deeply

appreciated the special attention paid to Orva during her final years by her loving friends at caretakers at Merkle-Knipprath.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Michael Sobieski and dear brothers, Paul, Ronald, and Kenneth Murphy and her beloved nephew and caretaker, Paul Murphy. Mrs. Sobieski is survived by her sister-in-law and many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, including her special nephew and caretaker, Terry Murphy.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUN 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Peter Catholic Church
450 West 3rd Avenue
Clifton, IL

Tribute Wall

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“ We remember Orva when she worked as a lab tech at Riverside with us back in the day. We chuckle to think what she must have thought of all us young gals back then. Now, as we approach retirement age, we can only hope that we reflect even a glimmer of what Orva portrayed as a role model of work ethic and aging with grace. She was fun and sweet and we loved and respected her. We loved swaping animal stories with her and especially hearing about Rosebud. We'll miss her, God bless

Becky McHargue and Beth Bailey

Beth Bailey - June 12, 2011 at 10:29 AM

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“ I met Orva when my mother was a resident at Merkle. She always seemed to welcome a little conversation and a smile from me. When my daughter, Krista, was getting married she wanted to give Mom a special viewing of her wedding gown. So we asked Orva if we could use her room to get Krista dressed in her gown and veil. Orva was so sweet about it and seemed almost honored that such an activity would take place in her room. The last time I saw Orva was last December when our family provided a party at Merkle in honor of our mother. I said hi to Orva and she smiled through teary eyes and said, "It's been so long since I've seen you," It had been a long time....almost a year. I don't know if Orva was seeing me or perhaps someone who meant more to her, but I was moved by her caring sweetness. I will miss her. Susanne Hildebrand

Susanne Hildebrand - June 12, 2011 at 09:55 AM