



Patricia A. (Birr) Brinkman

September 30, 1936 - March 4, 2020

Patricia A. (Birr) Brinkman, 83, of Bonfield, passed away on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at Miller Health Care Center in Kankakee. She was born on September 30, 1936 in Kankakee, the daughter of William H. and Hazel Bedecker Birr. She married Melvin C. Brinkman on January 18, 1958 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Kankakee.

Patricia worked at various local factories and also did house cleaning. She did volunteer work at the Kankakee County Training Center. Patricia was a member of United Methodist Church (Grand Prairie, Bonfield Parish). She loved to crochet and read. She enjoyed flowers and gardening. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family.

Patricia is survived by her husband, Melvin Brinkman, of Kankakee; one son, Craig and Lovice Brinkman, of Kankakee; two daughters, Kathy and Joe Pawlak, of Hampshire and Lori Brinkman, of Aurora; four grandchildren, Jenny Pawlak, Sandy (Bob) Denninger, Derek Brinkman, and Deanna Brinkman; one great-grandchild, Anya Denninger; and one sister, Connie Cahan, of Pasadena, TX.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one stillborn son, Douglas; and one brother and sister-in-law, William and Doris Birr.

Cremations rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 10:00 am until the time of the 12:00 pm memorial service on Monday, March 9, 2020 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Pastor Keith Blankenship will officiate the memorial service. Inurnment will be at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or the Alzheimer's Association.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
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Tribute Wall

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“ Pat was one of the sweetest persons I have ever met. And the sincerest. She will be greatly missed by all.

*Paula Goodwin
Paperback Reader*

Paula Goodwin - March 15, 2020 at 10:41 AM

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“ Mr. Brinkman, I spent a lot of time at your home, and you and Mrs. Brinkman always made me feel respected--I miss those days in Bonfield. Craig, I really enjoyed being able to work with you, seeing your gift for working with others less fortunate! Kathy, I look back and am grateful for the special friendship we had, and for the opportunity to meet a family that still embraces an old neighbor like me when we happen to see each other in the community! Hugs and prayers to you all-- Mr Brinkman, Lori, Craig, and Kathy.

Scott Weedon - March 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was deeply saddened by the news of Pat's passing. My heart felt condolences to Melvin, Lori, and all of her family. I remember growing up next door to Pat and having many awesome conversations with her over the years. I also will never forget the TY beanie babies that she would give me as a young child, it would always brighten my day! Pat, Melvin, and Lori were always the best neighbors! Rest Easy Pat!

Tyler Hinspeter

Tyler Hinspeter - March 04, 2020 at 06:09 PM

