



## Rita "Lil" Girard

October 8, 1940 - February 8, 2025

Rita "Lil" Girard, age 84 of Kankakee, passed away on Saturday, February 8, 2025,

at Heritage Woods of Watseka. She was born October 8, 1940, in Manteno, the

daughter of Leonard and Isabelle (Blanchette) Giroux. Lil married Gerald "Jerry"

"G" Girard on April 23, 1960, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Manteno. He preceded her in death on April 12, 2011.

Lil was active in sales as a realtor, car saleswoman, and Sara Coventry Jewelry,

earning the nickname of "Diamond Lil." She was the first Tupperware saleswoman

in Kankakee and Iroquois County.

Lil was a very creative person, especially with floral design and painting. While raising small children, Lil painted black and white portraits from numerous photography studios. Lil was always active as a room mother. Lil along with her

husband "G" were instrumental in starting McNamara Madcaps.

Lil assisted her daughter Roxanne designing several St. Mary's Style shows.

She

really enjoyed being the "Fun" grandma with her grandkids. Lil was known for her

impeccable style.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Ron (Maureen) Girard of Denver, two

daughters and one son-in-law, Roxanne Moran of Kankakee, Evelina (Parker) Ashworth of Lake Geneva; seven grandchildren, Sheila (Erik) Hanson of OR, Brian (Erin) Girard of CA, Brad (Grace) Girard of MD, Ryan (Beth Knight) Girard

of CO, Aidan Moran of Chicago, Graham Moran of KS, Gwen Moran of Bourbonnais; six great grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Janet Girard Giroux; one

brother and sister-in-law, Bob (Janice) Giroux; three brothers-in-law and five sisters-in-law, Fran (Sandy) Girard, Barbara Girard, Joe (Nancy) Girard, Rich (Anita) Girard, Janet Girard Giroux.

Lil is preceded in death by her husband, "G;" her parents; one sister, Dolly Sicard;

one brother, Earl Giroux; her in-laws, Maurice and Rose Girard; and two brothers-

in-law, Jim Girard and Leo Girard.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorial visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the 10:00 a.m. memorial Mass on Saturday, March 8, 2025, at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church,

Bourbonnais. Inurnment will follow at All Saints Mausoleum, Bourbonnais.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Heritage Woods of Watseka or Uplifted Care of Kankakee.

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-2342

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAR 8. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church  
308 E. Marsile  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-8285  
<http://www.mbvmchurch.org/>

## Memorial Mass

MAR 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

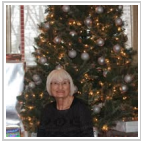
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# Tribute Wall

CD

“ I met Lil when she became a resident of Westwood Oaks. Lil and I became good friends. Some nights, after shift, I would spend 45 minutes to an hour with her and cats. We had a great time together talking about all kinds of things. I enjoyed, and so did Lil, our little visits. I admired Lil, and all she accomplished in her life. She was a very interesting person to speak with, we were good friends. I was sadden when she left, but I knew it was for the best. I will always cherish our time together. Cheryl Van Dyke

Chery Van Dyke - February 18, 2025 at 06:20 PM



“ May her memory be a blessing

Judith Cavender Lemna - February 17, 2025 at 11:49 AM

DK

“ Darcy & Donn Kane lit a candle in memory of Rita "Lil" Girard



Darcy & Donn Kane - February 16, 2025 at 08:09 PM

FS

“ *Lil was a life long friend. We use to have a lot of fun riding the bus from Manteno' to St Pats HS and even more fun when we got to school. May she rest in peace.*

*Smitty*

*W*

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**francis smith** - February 16, 2025 at 10:57 AM

JR

“ I became acquainted with Lil while she resided Westwood Oaks. She loved to tell others how I went to her apartment when she moved in and convinced her to come to the dining room to eat. She always was so kind and always had a story to tell. I still have the gift She gave to me when I retired. She was quite the lady!!

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**Jean Rousey** - February 15, 2025 at 11:10 PM

BS

I was Mis Lil caregiver before she went to the Nursing Home..I really enjoyed being with her.We became really good friends loved when she told me her life stories I could talk to her about anything.My prayers are going out to the family,

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**Brenda Stephens** - February 16, 2025 at 06:56 AM

JF

“ Jaymie Falkenhan lit a candle in memory of Rita "Lil" Girard

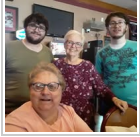


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**Jaymie Falkenhan** - February 15, 2025 at 10:09 PM

MR

“ When we moved to Bradley 31 years ago, Lil was our real estate agent. We were appreciative of her knowledge and expertise. Very nice lady. We extend our condolences to all of her family. Sincerely, Pat and Mary Rzyski

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**Mary Rzyski** - February 15, 2025 at 01:33 PM



“ *MaryAnn Senesac lit a candle in memory of Rita "Lil" Girard*



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**MaryAnn Senesac** - February 15, 2025 at 12:32 PM