



## Ruth E. Dato

November 14, 1931 - September 11, 2011

Visitation for Ruth E. Dato, 79, of Kankakee, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, and from 10 a.m. Thursday until the 11 a.m. funeral service at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. The Rev. George Miller will officiate.

Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's research. She died Sunday (Sept. 11, 2011) at the Miller Center in Kankakee.

Mrs. Dato worked at the Bear Brand Hosiery during the '50s and was an Avon representative for more than 30 years. She was born Nov. 14, 1931, in Kankakee, the daughter of Frank L. and Edith Yeates Hertz. Her husband, Kenneth C. Dato, whom she married July 10, 1954, in Kankakee, preceded her in death July 30, 1996. She was a member of St. Mark United Methodist Church for more than 55 years, where she was also a member of the Julia Circle and the Fireside Club. She was a member of the Kankakee American Legion Post 85 Ladies Auxiliary and enjoyed working the Legion bingo games. She had a green thumb and loved to work in her garden. She also enjoyed sewing and crocheting. She was thoughtful of others and a caregiver.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Peter and Connie Dato, of Reddick, and David and Theresa Dato, of Bonfield; three daughters and two

sons-in-law, Cindy and Jim DeYoung, of Bourbonnais, Denise and Eric Kirchner, of Limestone, and Marsha Baker, of Kankakee; nine grandchildren, Casie Tapp, Kenneth Dato, Peter II and Lesley Dato, Ben Kirchner, Kirk Baker, Scott Baker, Ivanna Dato, Ashlyn Villarreal and Amber Villarreal; four great-grandchildren, Zoe and Kai Tapp, Aamira Dato and Justin Hovin; one sister, Alice Moody, of Kankakee; one brother, Vernon Hertz, of Kankakee; one sister-in-law, Mary J. Hertz, of Kankakee; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Jolene Dato; five brothers, Elwin, Floyd, Hartwell, Warren and Clyde Hertz; and two sisters, Edna Ward and Blanche Feller.

Memorials can be made to Alzheimer's Research -  
[www.alz.org/](http://www.alz.org/)

# Cemetery Details

## Kankakee Memorial Gardens

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **14**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

SEP **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

NE

“ to the Dato family - we lived next door to Ruth and Ken for a few years on Tanner Ave.' My mom and dad are Charles and Lois hequet. They will be sad to hear of her passing. I am their daughter, Nancy. They always talked fondly of your folks as everyone struggled together in those days. I remember Cindy and Peter. So sorry for your loss.

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**nancy ekstrom** - October 06, 2011 at 06:40 PM

LJ

“ To the family of Ruth Dato  
God is with you in your time of loss. Closer than a falling tear, He's ever present and always near. I was a class mate of your mother when we graduated from Herscher High school in '49. You remain in my thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time.  
Lucille {Rahn} Jarka

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**Lucille Jarka** - September 14, 2011 at 05:39 PM

NS

“ Dave and Theresa and girls,  
Im sorry to hear about the passing of ruth. My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time. If you need anything just give me a call..Love to you all..

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**Nickie Scott** - September 14, 2011 at 09:30 AM

NS

“ *Nickie Scott lit a candle in memory of Ruth E. Dato*



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**Nickie Scott** - September 14, 2011 at 09:23 AM

JP

“ *Cindy, My sincerest condolences on the loss of your your Mom and my mother's table mate. I was in Butterfield recently and asked about you and Ruth. My enduring memory of Ruth from my weekly visits and lunches will be the smile on her face when she saw her grandchildren and the perpetual song in her heart. I will share with you a word of comfort that someone shared with me at my mother's passing - "She knows her name again!" We can grieve, but we don't grieve as those who have no hope (I Thess. 4:13). I am not available for the services but you are in my heart and prayers. Please send your contact info to me at [jperry@oaktreepub.org](mailto:jperry@oaktreepub.org). I'm writing a book called "Good Grief!" that I want to share with you when it is complete.*

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**Jason Perry** - September 13, 2011 at 04:54 PM

DT

“ *Marsha, Cindy and Denise--So sorry to hear about your mom. I was just talking about your mom with my mom and we were wondering how she was doing. I hope she is at peace now. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Barry, Denise, Samantha and Leanna Thomas*

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**Denise Thomas** - September 13, 2011 at 03:07 PM

JH

“ *Dave and Family,  
Jeannie and I are so sorry to hear of the  
passing of Ruth. You will all be our thoughts  
and prayers.  
Johnny and Jeannie Holt*



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**Johnny Holt** - September 13, 2011 at 01:04 PM

TG

*Cindy and family,  
On behalf of all the caregivers from Bridges Memory Care, our heartfelt  
thank you for letting us be a part of your Moms' journey. Not only did  
we share her life, but we watched babies grow up over the years,  
shared many celebrations and created lasting memories for ourselves.  
A gift of a wonderful woman reflecting in the children she raised.  
Wednesday's will never be the same. We'll miss you .....including  
Mrs. Trecker!*

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**Terri Genson** - September 14, 2011 at 07:10 PM