



Shirley E. Blanchette

July 1, 1924 - March 8, 2017

Shirley E. Blanchette, 92, of Kankakee, passed away on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at Citadel Nursing Home in Kankakee. She was born on July 1, 1924, in Gilman, to Walter Scott and Minnie Mae Simmons Haven. Shirley married Albert "Tiny" Blanchette on June 17, 1958 in Kankakee. He preceded her in death on December 11, 1990.

Shirley worked at Sam's Shirt Shop in Kankakee, Montgomery Ward, and Amberg. She enjoyed reading and loved cats. She was a member of St. Patrick Church in Kankakee.

Shirley is survived by two daughters and one son-in-law, Barbara (Gregory) Dams, of Kankakee and Susan Dockweiler, of Bourbonnais; one brother-in-law, Fred Graeper, of Kankakee; five grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and two special sisters-in-law, Emily Christianson, of New Jersey and Eileen Haven, of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one infant daughter, Brenda Lee; two sisters, Dorothy Rapier and Olive Graeper; and one brother, Arthur Haven.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. until the 11:30 a.m. funeral service on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home. Rev. John

Peeters will officiate. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to the Kankakee County Humane Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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

MAR 11. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Shirley, you were such a beautiful soul and always brighten my day when I was working at citadel. Your favorite word was "honey"! Oh how I loved to hear you just say "Hi honey" or "Come here honey" or just constantly saying "honey! Honey! Honey!" I remember the time you came back from the hospital after given me a scare and you still managed to be that wonderful Shirley and kept going day by day. I always made it a priority to stop by a say hi and spend a couple of moments with you during my work shift. I'm going to miss giving you a hug and your soft hands and warm cheeks. I'm going to miss all the joy you gave! You fought a good battle, and now heaven gets to enjoy you saying "honey" and spreading your love. I wish I was there when you departed citadel to say my last goodbye. I wish I was able to attend your visitation... I'm sorry I didn't have the strength to be there but I love you dearly and may you rest peacefully and beautifully! You will never and could never be forgotten! To the family, Shirley was an AMAZING person and I am sorry for your lost! She fought a good battle and lived a long life and looked AMAZING for her age! She was a queen in my eyes and my favorite! It saddens me that she left us, but I pray God wrap his loving arms around you all. God bless!

Terriana - March 11, 2017 at 02:17 PM

 Linda
Graeper

“ I was sorry to hear of Aunt Shirley's passing. Please accept our deepest sympathy.
A donation will be made to the Kankakee Humane Society in her memory.

James Graeper

Linda Graeper - March 10, 2017 at 02:12 PM

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Thank you, for your donation to our moms favorite charity. We appreciate it, Jim & Linda....

Barbara Dams - April 13, 2017 at 04:31 AM

MZ

“ Barb, Greg and family, Sorry for your loss you're in my thoughts and prayers . She will forever be in your hearts.

MaDonna Zasada - March 10, 2017 at 09:51 AM



“ I knew Shirley when she lived in Bradley Royale. She was my friend. Rest in peace Shirley until we meet again. In loving memory Marsha

Marsha Schultz - March 08, 2017 at 10:17 PM