



Sr. Mary Veronica Blanchette

February 18, 1917 - January 2, 2014

Visitation for Sr. Mary Veronica Blanchette SSCM, 96, of Kankakee, will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel at Presence St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee, where a funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Beaverville. Memorials may be made to the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary. She passed away Thursday (Jan. 2, 2014) at Presence St. Mary's Hospital. Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, is in charge of arrangements.

She was born Feb. 18, 1917, in St. George, the daughter of Levi and Louise Bouchard Blanchette. She was a 1937 graduate of Holy Family Academy in Beaverville, and a 1960 graduate of Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, Wis., where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in education. She received a Teacher's Certificate K-9 issued in Springfield in 1966. She taught at St. Patrick Academy in Momence from 1938 to 1969, St. Gall School, Chicago from 1969 to 1978, where she was also a CCD teacher and sacristan at St. Gall Parish; and St. Peter's School-Geneva from 1978 to 1988, where she was also a CCD teacher and worked at Prayerhouse. She was a Delaplace Community local leader in Kankakee from 1988 to 1997, a Pastoral Care volunteer at St. Mary's Hospital from 1997 to 2000, and from 2000 to the present was a Delaplace Community local leader.

Surviving are one sister, Rhea Surprenant, of Manteno; and numerous nieces

and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Elmer, Aurel, Leo, Edgar, Walter, Robert and George; and sisters, Ella Raymond and Christabelle Giroux.

Memorials may be made to the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Beaverville, IL 60912
(815) 435-2006

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Presence St. Mary's Hospital Chapel
Kankakee, IL

Funeral Mass

JAN 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

Presence St. Mary's Hospital Chapel
Kankakee, IL

Tribute Wall

RM

“ *Sr. Veronica was my second grade teacher at St. Gall in the early seventies. Her small stature was such a misrepresentation of her huge presence. She was kind, generous, loving, strict, and compassionate--all wrapped into one small bundle. She made me want to read about the lives of saints. I wanted to go to church; I wanted to be an altar boy. Simply put, she was amazing. My sister and me will never forget her.*

R. Moir '80

Robert Mor - February 19, 2016 at 07:12 PM

JT

“ *My deepest sympathy. Sr. Veronica was my favorite teacher. 2nd grade at St Gall's may she rest in peace.*

Janice Twardak-Swanson - January 14, 2014 at 07:06 PM

JH

“ *The best teacher I had in grammar school because she taught us to be better people along with being better students.*

John Hoffmann - January 10, 2014 at 06:36 AM

BW

“ *One of the sweetest sisters at St Patricks school. She loved her kids. A beautiful soul. I was lucky to have her as a teacher.....brenda surprenant wellmaker*

brenda wellmaker - January 09, 2014 at 06:36 PM

KM

“ 2nd and 5th grade teacher - in the basement of the Church at St. Pat's. Those were crowded days at St. Pat's. I had her in 1957 and 1959 if I calculate now. I know know that she was also a relative - though I didn't then. (Dupuis-Bouchard). She was kind and likely too easy on me. Best thing about being in her class, one didn't have to cross the street in winter to go to First Friday mass. Also, on days I served mass, I could just dart downstairs for school. She served her entire life.

Kevin McNulty - January 09, 2014 at 04:13 PM

BP

“ Sister Veronica was my 3rd grade teacher way back in 1965-66. She was a very nice teacher and I learned a lot from her. She was the one that taught me cursive. I have very fond memories of her. I am happy to hear that she lived a long and productive life. My heartfelt sympathy to her family. My grandparents are buried in Beaverville and I will make sure I visit her gravesite on my next visit.

Becky Thompson Przylucki - January 09, 2014 at 01:21 PM

JD

“ Sr. Veronica was my 3rd grade teacher at St. Pat's in Momence. She was always my favorite teacher. Even though you just knew she was "mad" by the look she gave you, all she had to do was smile and your heart would just melt. I've had the privilege of knowing Sister throughout my adult life and can honestly say when I think of my grade school years, she is the first person I think of. I am so sad that she has passed on, but also happy that she has finally met our Lord and Savior and will be with him always. Thank you Sister for all the fond memories you gave us all. You will be forever in my heart. With much Love! Julie Sharkey Dinkins

Julie Sharkey Dinkins - January 09, 2014 at 12:25 PM

DG

“ Bonjour to all my cousins, descendants of Levi Blanchette & Louise Bouchard. Very sorry to hear the loss of cousin Mary Veronica. Please allow me to introduce myself, my name is Donald Granger and I'm an author of a family history website named "Charles Granger 1810" containing our shared French Canadian families who settled in St. George, Illinois during the 1840's. I'm in blood relations with Louise Bouchard Blanchette, Eugene Raymond, Annette Regnier Blanchette, Mildred Boudreau Blanchette, Rita Guimond Blanchette & Lawrence Surprenant. If you are interested in discovering your French Canadian heritage, please contact me at ongranger1953@att.net, I'm also on Facebook of Triton College and Melrose Park. You must identify yourself who you belong to in the family before I issue you your password to gain access in this wonderful website. Hope to hear from you all soon. God Bless. P.S. Mary Veronica's obituary & photo has been entered in my website for her memorial for many years to come.

Donald Granger - January 08, 2014 at 02:15 AM

VB

“ Sorry to hear about Sr. Veronica. She was such a sweet person. God Bless.

Vickie Bertrand - January 07, 2014 at 10:58 PM

DB

“ On behalf of Anna M. Blanchette sister-inlaw, deceased 2010, and very respectfully Danna & Dominick Postilio Naples, Fl. Living Saint/ Gone to the Promised After Life. RIP

Danna Blanchette-Postilio - January 07, 2014 at 08:34 PM

PS

“ I was a student of Sr. Mary. I was about all she could handle. I loved her above all my teachers. She was strict, but oh so gentle. I will miss her. May Jesus bless her sister.

Penny (Cox) Sothen - January 06, 2014 at 02:00 PM

PS

“ Share a memory of Sr. Mary Veronica Blanchette, or send a condolence to the family...

Penny (Cox) Sothen - January 06, 2014 at 01:48 PM

MB

“ DEAR FAMILY OF SR MARY VERONICA BLANCHETTE....I HAD ONLY MET SR VERONICA A FEW TIMES AND SHE WAS A VERY PLESENT PERSON AND VERY DETICATED TO HER JOB AS A NUN WITH THE SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY. SHE WAS THE SISTER TO MY UNCLE ROBERT "TUBBY" BLANCHETTE AND WAS ALWAYS ADMIRED BY HER FAMILY....WHOM SHE HAD ALSO GAVE GREAT COMFORT TO AND NURSED THREW THEIR SICKNESS. WE FEEL SHE IS WITH HER PARENTS AND FAMILY IN HEAVEN...AND WE ASK GOD TO BLESS HERAS SHE WAS SORT OF A MOTHER THREASEA OF THE KANKAKEE AREA. MY AUNT OLIENE BLANCHETTE ALWAYS SPOKE SO HIGHLY OF HER. OUR SYMPATHY TO ALL THE BLANCHETTE FAMILY.....

MARIE AND ERNIE "SONNY" BERNS
CHANDLER, ARIZONA
ernestberns@yahoo.com

MARIE & ERNEST BERNS - January 04, 2014 at 12:39 PM

RA

Sister Veronica was my 3rd grade teacher at St. Pat's. She was also my favorite teacher. I tried to find her in December of 2012 when I went back to Momence to visit, but it seemed like no one knew where she was. I had the honor of naming my 3rd child which was my 1st girl after Sister Veronica.. Sister was the most caring and loving teacher I had out of my 8 years at St. Pat's.. I have a memory of her that I will never forget, and that is when our Mother Superior was trying to make me eat something for lunch that I knew I was allergic to. That is when Sister Veronica came to my rescue, I was crying sitting in the cafeteria all alone. I so recall her firm voice to the nun dressed all in white. and Sister Veronica told her Don't you ever make her eat something.. this child knows what she is allergic to.. She was the best.. May she be at peace with are Lord and also with her namesake my little Veronica.. I will always hold your memory in my heart. RIP

Ramona Wyant Archuleta - January 09, 2014 at 04:32 PM