



Velma J. Shear

June 30, 1924 - March 14, 2022

Velma J. Shear, age 97, of Grand Rivers, KY, formerly of Bourbonnais, passed away Monday, March 14, 2022 at her home with her daughter's by her side.

She was born June 30, 1924 in Bluffs, the daughter of Jesse & Mabel (Dimmitt) Batley. Velma married Francis "Nick" Shear on August 1, 1945 in Smith County, TX. He preceded her in death on March 27, 1981.

Velma was a homemaker. She had worked at Bear Brand Hosiery and for Bennett Industries. Velma enjoyed bowling, dancing, crocheting, knitting, and all crafts. Most of all, Velma, loved babysitting her grandchildren.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda Ashline of Grand Rivers, KY, Sheila Woods of Joliet, IL, Brenda & Terry Bayston of Grand Rivers, KY, and Debbie & Bobby Burrus of Kankakee; one sister, Julia Tucker of Dale, IL; nine grandchildren; twenty-one great-grandchildren; and seventeen great-great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, Francis "Nick" Shear, Velma is preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Charles Batley; one great-grandson, Van Lindstrom; one great-granddaughter, Jacqueline "Prince" March; and special friend, Harry Marcotte.

Private family services will be held. Interment will be at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township.

Memorials may be made to Mercy Lourdes Hospice in Paducah, KY.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

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

Tribute Wall

MH

“ I am so sorry to hear about Aunt Velma's passing. Marilyn Shear Hill

Marilyn Hill - March 21, 2022 at 09:15 PM

MC

“ Dear Linda, Sheila, Brenda and Debbie,
I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mom was my Godmother and a wonderful friend to my mother all her life. I greatly appreciate all the kindness your family has given me. You have my deepest sympathy. I will keep all of you and your families in my prayers.
Madonna Easterling Crame

Madonna Crame - March 20, 2022 at 11:46 AM

NW

“ Dear Debbie and family
I'm sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Sending prayers and May she Rest In Peace.
Nancy Ponikvar Waller

nancy Ponikvar waller - March 19, 2022 at 11:43 AM



“ 92 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - March 18, 2022 at 12:30 PM

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“ *The best Christmas gatherings were when Honey would play the organ and sing. Everyone danced and laughed and there was so much love and joy. Those days have long past but she made them so memorable that they seem like yesterday. I will never forget how blessed I am to have had her in my life.*

Nicole Schultz - March 17, 2022 at 02:31 PM

BF

“ *Barbra Favors lit a candle in memory of Velma J. Shear*



Barbra favors - March 17, 2022 at 09:50 AM