



## Venita W. Marek

April 4, 1924 - September 26, 2012

Venita W. "Vee" Marek, 88 of Bradley died Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born April 4, 1924 in Flickerville, Rockville Township, IL the daughter of Stanley R. and Mamie Mae Wilcox Cabit. She married Joseph E. Marek on February 17, 1941 in Davenport, Iowa. He preceded her in death on November 6, 2001.

She was known for sending greeting cards to everyone. She also placed a dollar bill in each card for all different occasions, giving her the nickname "dollar lady." She never met a stranger. She enjoyed playing Bingo and the slot machines. She liked to travel and stay with her family.

She was a lifelong member of the Bradley American Legion Auxiliary, the Bradley VFW Auxiliary, and the Mothers of WW II. She was a member of the Bradley Moose, the Daughters of Isabelle, Blue Star Mother's Member, and associate member of the Gold Star Mother's. She was an avid Cub fan. She was a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley.

Surviving are her children, Judy Pollock of Bourbonnais, Pat Colclasure-Smith & David Smith of Burlington, Wisc., Joseph "Jim" & Faye Marek of St. Anne, Edward & Karen Marek of Pace, FL, Barbara Clodi-Ward of Spring, TX, Kay (Venita) & Cliff Donovan of Kankakee, Cathy Burk of Watseka, Stanley "Buddy" & Paula Marek of Paris, IL, Donna & Jim Cannon of Hendersonville,

NC, Rosie & Mark Moreland of Aurora, CO, Marie Marek & Kathy Ashcraft of Bradley, and Brian Marek of Stillwater, Oklahoma; 38 grandchildren; 103 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great grandchildren; one sister, Arlene Marcukaitis of Peotone; one brother, Kenneth Cabit of Monee; and one daughter-in-law, Heather Askew.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two children, Michael Angelo Marek and Thomas Michael Marek; one sister, Marle & Donald Schultz; brother-in-law, Adam Marcukaitis; sister-in-law, Thelma Cabit; five sons-in-law, Walter Pollock, Larry S. Clodi, Tom Ward, George Burk Sr., and Andy Colclasure; four grandchildren, Donna Jo Clodi, Joseph Donald Clodi, Brandon Reiley, and Bonnie Colleen Marek; one great-grandchild, Ashley Rene Morales; and two great-great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 30, 2012 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Her funeral mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 1, 2012 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley. Rev. John Anczak will celebrate the mass. Cremation Rites will be accorded following the mass. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or the family wishes. Vee asked that when she passed away to continue to "pay it forward" by giving a dollar to someone in need.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **30**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Mass

OCT **1**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
211 N. Center Street  
Bradley, IL 60915  
(815) 939-3573  
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ We had the pleasure of meeting this wonderful lady and seeing her several times. What a great personality and our hearts go out to her family for their loss.

*Tom and Terri*

Thomas Israel - October 15, 2012 at 08:47 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Venita. She and Joe were wonderful people. Always good to us. I wish I could be there but I am in a vetrans nursing home in KY. Venita and Joe were always about family, and a match made in heaven. She will be missed. My sincere sympathy for her family

ted wronski - October 08, 2012 at 07:20 AM



“ Bruce & Janet Blake lit a candle in memory of Venita W. Marek



Bruce & Janet Blake - October 01, 2012 at 05:07 PM



*I went to school with Venita ( the daughter ) and I wish to convey my sympathy to the family.*

Bruce & Janet Blake - October 01, 2012 at 05:08 PM

AG

“ Aunt Venita, I will miss seeing you when I come home. You always asked about the boys and I. I am so glad that we were there for your party, a couple of years ago. Sweet dreams and I will see you again one day, I love you.... Allison



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**Allison Glover** - September 30, 2012 at 10:25 AM

JV

“ Janeen & jenalena Vadeboncoeur lit a candle in memory of Venita W. Marek



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**janeen & jenalena vadeboncoeur** - September 30, 2012 at 02:42 AM

HU

“ Mom, we all miss you so much, here in your house cooking, looking at old pictures and telling stories of our greatest memories of you and Dad, how wonderful, but still you are not here, that hurts as we look around and you are not in the kitchen cooking or sending someone to the store to make sure we all have more than enough to eat.

God bless you mom, for you are not forgotten but always in my heart, I love you and so thankful for all of your days with all of us, what an amazing life you have given each and every one of us. I love you Mom forever and always....Barbara

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**hurlyjo** - September 29, 2012 at 11:33 PM

RR

“ Sincere sympathy from the Rainford families in Minnesota, South Dakota and Indiana. Our family ties through the Cabit, Wilcox, and Corlett families come to the end of an era with the loss of Venita.  
We send thoughts and prayers to the family



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**Robin Rainford** - September 29, 2012 at 07:53 PM



“ MANY MANY FOND MEMORY"S of a true angel. My Deepest Condelenche's. I will always cherish the Memory's of Me N (Tommy) going too the Bradley Legion to enjoy the Company of is Mother N Dad. They will ALWAYS be in my Thought's N Pray's. GOD BLESS THE MARECK FAMILY. Glen P. Goad.



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**Glen Goad** - September 29, 2012 at 11:24 AM

DL

“ I have many fond memories on the farm when we were kids - my thoughts and prayers are with your family.

*Darry*

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**Darry Laing** - September 28, 2012 at 08:21 PM



“ Johnny Jeannie Holt lit a candle in memory of Venita W. Marek



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**Johnny Jeannie Holt** - September 28, 2012 at 02:22 PM



“ To all the Marek Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you today. We are saddened to hear of the passing of Venita. Seems like yesterday we all were kids running all over the neighborhood and she was another Mom to us all!

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**Johnny Jeannie Holt** - September 28, 2012 at 02:22 PM

CM

“ Donna and family, We are very sorry for your loss. I love the obituary and her nickname of the "Dollar Lady!" You all will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.  
Cheryl Modlin

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**Cheryl Modlin** - September 28, 2012 at 12:16 PM

MC

“ OMG, I am so sorry to read of the passing of your Mom. What great memories I have of growing up in the neighborhood and then raising our kids on the block as well. Rick & I are leaving for vacation today and will not be able to spend time with all of you. We will keep you in our hearts and prayers. She was a great lady.  
Love to all,  
Rick & Marla Coy

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**Marla & Rick Coy** - September 28, 2012 at 11:30 AM



*It was like we were all one big family back then in the 400 block of Wabash!*

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**Johnny Jeannie Holt** - September 28, 2012 at 02:18 PM

LA

“ *Lori Korstick Anderson lit a candle in memory of Venita W. Marek*



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**Lori Korstick Anderson** - September 28, 2012 at 11:28 AM

MC

“ *Marla & Rick Coy lit a candle in memory of Venita W. Marek*



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**Marla & Rick Coy** - September 28, 2012 at 11:20 AM

SA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Sara** - September 27, 2012 at 04:20 PM



*What a beautiful time we had on our trip with you Mom, our getaway, memories for a life time never to be taken away, how I miss you already and you just left us a few hours ago. your loving daughter  
Barbara*

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**Barbara Clodi Ward** - September 27, 2012 at 10:57 PM