



## Verna Mae Emling

July 23, 1929 - March 10, 2019

Verna Mae Emling, 89, of Bonfield passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 10th at Gilman Healthcare Center. Verna was born July 23, 1929, in Kankakee, the daughter of Edward H. Sr. and Rosella (nee Gravelle) Delabre. Verna graduated from Kankakee High School, class of 1946 and Gallagher's Business School. A talented bookkeeper, Verna was employed by Romy Hammes Tractor sales, LaBeau Bros GMC, and retired from Uptown Paint and Body after 21 years of service.

Verna married Vivien M. "Bub" Emling on June 4, 1949 at St. Rose of Lima Church of Kankakee. Together they built their family house in Bonfield and celebrated over 65 anniversaries before he passed away in 2014. The Emlings were parishoners of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Goodrich. She is survived by three daughters and son-in-laws, Barbara (Kelly) Grindstaff of Macomb, Susan (David) Paulissen of Waterloo, and Sandra (Todd) Dion of Kankakee, and one son and daughter-in-law Rodney (Jo Carol) Emling of Bonfield. Also surviving are eight grandchildren who loved their grandma dearly, Cherie, Jennifer, Robin, Jason, Katie, Sarah, Andy, Michael; and six great-grandchildren, Andrea, Riley, Haley, Jackson, Linnea and Herschel. Preceding her in death were her husband; parents; brothers; Edward H. (Kathleen) Delabre Jr., Richard V. (Theresa) Delabre, and a grandchild Jeremiah Emling.

Verna loved to make candy, bake desserts and cook large meals for family gatherings. She was so proud of her family and instilled in them a strong work

ethic. She was a generous soul and enjoyed keeping busy even in retirement. She loved her flower garden that the kids made for her and Bub. Visitation will be at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee on Friday, March 15, 2019 between the hours of 3- 7 p.m. A funeral mass will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Goodrich at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 16, 2019. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee. Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary

2000 E. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

MAR 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Church  
Goodrich, IL

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Verna and Bub were our neighbors and friends for many years. Dave and I send our sympathy and prayers for all of you. Rest in Peace Verna.* ”

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**Sherry M Parks** - March 13, 2019 at 10:07 AM