



Virginia Stephenson Moyer

September 14, 1916 - January 30, 2014

Virginia "Gigi" Stephenson Moyer, 97, of St. Anne joined her family and dear friends in eternal rest on Thursday (Jan. 30, 2014). A gathering of family and friends will be from 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, until the 11 a.m. celebration of the funeral Mass at St. Anne Catholic Church. Memorials may be made to St. Anne Catholic Church or for Masses.

Virginia was one of eight children born to William and Goldie Ellsworth on Sept. 14, 1916, in Earl Park, Ind. She married William H. Stephenson on March 30, 1935. He passed away in May 1971. They raised two children, a son, the late William F. Stephenson (wife, Diane), of Tacoma, Wash.; a daughter, Paulalee (husband, Tom) Dandurand, of St. Anne. During World War II she ran a hotel in California, while William served his country. They settled back in Illinois after World War II. She worked many years for The Salvation Army. She loved going to stock car races and was a sharp shooter.

She married Clifford Moyer on Jan. 30, 1972, who passed in October 1989. Both Virginia and Cliff served in many offices of Kankakee VFW Post 2857, including auxiliary president and post commander.

Gigi is survived by two sisters, Marjorie Webster, of Lafayette, Ind., Lucille Bass, of Tunnel Hill, Ga.; sister-in-law, Rita Ellsworth, of Kewanee; seven grandchildren, Kathy (Larry) Heim, Luke (Gina) Dandurand, Mark (Sherry)

Dandurand, John (Kathy) Dandurand, Deborah (Paul) Smith, William (Linda) Stephenson, Lori (Tim) Lyons; 19 great-grandchildren, Amanda, Affton, Meleah, Michael, Christopher, Benjamin, Megan, Ryan, Jerran, Tyler, Gregory, Robert, Desi, William, George, Rebecca, Max, James and Christine; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, William "Bill" Stephenson (January 1998); brother, John Ellsworth; sisters, Violet Kuchenbacker, Agnes Clark, Mary Nickless and Clarice Ellsworth; and her granddaughter, Karen Dandurand.

Cemetery Details

St. Anne Catholic Cemetery

Chinquy Street
St. Anne, IL 60964
(815) 427-8346

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Anne Catholic Church
236 N. 6th Street
St. Anne, IL 60964
(815) 427-8265

Funeral Mass

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Desirea Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Virginia Stephenson Moyer*



Desirea Smith - February 07, 2014 at 12:13 PM

AD

“ *Amy Denault lit a candle in memory of Virginia Stephenson Moyer*



Amy Denault - February 06, 2014 at 06:41 PM

LS

“ *Linda Stephenson lit a candle in memory of Virginia Stephenson Moyer*



Linda Stephenson - February 04, 2014 at 12:37 PM

DD

“ *Deborah Dandurand lit a candle in memory of Virginia Stephenson Moyer*



Deborah Dandurand - February 03, 2014 at 09:11 AM

LD

“ Virginia Stephenson Moyer was a great lady ,lived a full and wonderful life. she was always very kind and loving the best grandmother you would ever want I will miss her forever. I love you with all my heart and soul and I will see you again some day but until I do enjoy your son and husbands. Thanks for a very wonderful childhood, and all the great memories. Two things that stand out in my memory is that she would always make my favorite breakfast when ever I was around, and she use too make our lunches which were fried bologne sandwiches, which were not my favorite but I knew they were made with love. I truly loved her with all my heart I used to tell her that I fell very close to the tree cause I am just like her.She will always be missed love you grandma gee gee. God please watch over her and hold her in your arms forever. Rest in peace grandma.

Lori (Stephenson) Lyon Grand daughter - February 03, 2014 at 01:09 AM

TB

“ Tammi Corriveau Bosman lit a candle in memory of Virginia Stephenson Moyer



Tammi Corriveau Bosman - February 02, 2014 at 08:39 PM

Kristie
Hasner
Purnell

“ I will always remember Grandma Gigi, as one of my grandmas by Aunt Paula. I send all my love and wishes of comfort, along with my prayers and (((hugs))) to all of the family. I feel will always have a special place in my heart for her. As a child I thought she was actually one of my grandmothers, she always treated us kids like we all special.



Kristie Hasner Purnell - February 02, 2014 at 06:52 PM

 Carrie
Headrick

“ *You are all in our thoughts and prayers. God
Bless you and we love you.*



Carrie Headrick - February 02, 2014 at 05:36 PM

PB

“ *I have known Virginia (GiGi) since 1956 we worked together and
she was family. We visited her house and she ours.
One of the sweetest ,kindest and gentlest woman I have ever had
the pleasure of knowing. I will miss you girl. Rest in Peace.*

Pat Brace

Patricia Brace - February 02, 2014 at 04:37 PM



“ *Desirea Marie Smith (Great granddaughter) and Deborah K. Stephenson smith (Granddaughter) and Robert James Smith (Great Grandson)*



I only knew my Grandma GiGi when I was a child . The last time I got to spend with my Grandma is when she was up here in Washington it was fun to be with her. Where she is going now she will be with my Grandpa Stephenson and Angels will be watching over her and so will her son and her Seahawks . Everybody here in Washington is watching over you and lighting a candle for you. R.I.P Love you Grandma GiGi best wishes love you you will be in our hearts forever. Also we have a little prayer of the After Glow I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one I'd like to leave an after glow of smiles, when life is done. One thing her and my Grandpa were really into the Seattle Seahawks this is the year for the Seahawks to win the Superbowl . Go Hawks!!!!

Desirea Smith - February 02, 2014 at 03:54 PM

PB

“ *We are so sorry for your loss, she was such a wonderful person. I remember when we had a such a nice visit on the swing at Mark & Sherry's house, what a wonderful day to visit with our family. all our Love Paul & Nancy*

Paul & Nancy Bailey - February 02, 2014 at 02:04 PM

JD

“ *Jerran Dandurand great granddaughter*

I feel sooo privileged to have know my great grandmother for as long as I have. I can remember going over to her apartment and we use to watch movies with her. She was such a wonderful woman very sweet and caring. Your def gonna be missed Grandma Gigi!!! R.I.P. You will forever be in our hearts!!

Jerran Dandurand - February 02, 2014 at 08:37 AM

KH

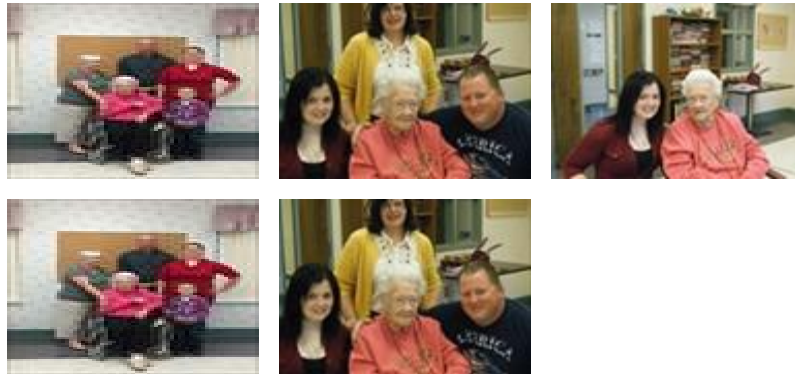
“ *Katherine Heim lit a candle in memory of Virginia Stephenson Moyer*



Katherine Heim - February 02, 2014 at 07:33 AM

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Sherry Dandurand - February 01, 2014 at 02:43 PM

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Sherry Dandurand - February 01, 2014 at 02:37 PM

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“ *facebook tributes*

Amanda Heim Gwaltney (great granddaughter)

I am so blessed to have had my Great Grandma Gigi around for 33 years. Heaven gained an angel last night and she will be missed dearly. Memories of spending summers at her house when Affton and I would stay with her while Granny and Papa worked during the day were some of the best.

sherry dandurand - February 01, 2014 at 01:54 PM

SD

“ facebook tributes

Sherry Bailey Dandurand (granddaughter)

This was our last visit with this great lady; her 97th birthday; the stories she could tell even at this age; truly amazing; rest in peace Grandma Gigi; you earned it

sherry dandurand - February 01, 2014 at 01:53 PM

SD

“ facebook tributes

Ryan Dandurand (great grandson)

97 years and 1000 great stories later, tough little grandma Gigi is now laying at rest. I will never forget any stories she shared, no matter how many times she told them I always made sure to listen! Not many people even know their great grandparents so I'm honored to have had her be a part of my life and I will miss her so much! Rest in peace Grandma Gigi

sherry dandurand - February 01, 2014 at 01:51 PM

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Megan Dandurand (great granddaughter)

I'll always remember the good times. The times I spent with you at your apartment, watching Stuart Little or Spirit. I'll remember that time I told you I knew how to cook popcorn, and then burnt it so bad the fire alarms in your building went off. I'll remember how your face lit up every time I walked in with a bouquet of flowers in hand. But most of all, I'll remember that when it came time to say goodbye, you always pulled me back for just one more hug. I love you, Grandma Gigi.

sherry dandurand - February 01, 2014 at 01:50 PM

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“ facebook tributes

Michael Dandurand (great grandson)

The last time I saw my Grandma Gigi, she asked me three times if I was an attorney yet. Three times I smiled and said "not yet grams, but I'll get there," and Three times she assured me that one day I would. I hope she knows I'm almost there. I love you Grams, Rest In Peace.

sherry dandurand - February 01, 2014 at 01:47 PM