



Welita J. Kirchmann

June 15, 1935 - February 3, 2024

Welita J. Kirchmann, age 88 of Bourbonnais passed away on Saturday February 3, 2024 at Bickford House. She was born on June 15, 1935, in Chebanse, the daughter of Weldon and Anita (Johnson) Smithers.

Welita married George Kirchmann on October 3, 1955. George preceded her in death on February 17, 2020.

Welita graduated from St. Mary's School of Nursing, Kankakee and the College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL. She worked as a school nurse for over 20 years at the Kankakee Area Special Education Cooperative.

Welita was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. She was involved in Ladies Aid, Sunday School, Choir, and the monthly newsletter mailings.

Surviving is her daughter Mary (Bruce) Fitzpatrick of Arizona; one son, David Kirchmann of AZ; two brothers, Traves (Jean) Smithers of California, Jerry (Jayne) Smithers of Florida; three grandchildren, Ryan (Ann Wood) Fitzpatrick and Sarah (Andrew) Doerfler, Alex (Brooke Lynn Martin) Kirchmann; 1 great grandchild and one on the way, and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Welita is preceded in death by her husband, George; her parents; one brother and one son.

Welita was truly loved and will be greatly missed.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial visitation will be held from 2 p.m. until the time of the 4 p.m. memorial service on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at Clancy-Gernon

Funeral Home, Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Good Shepherd Manor, or Uplifted Care.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

GW

“ I grew up next door to Welita and George. They were wonderful people. My sympathy to Mary and David and their families. I am sorry I cannot make it to the visitation and funeral but will be thinking of you.

Gayle (Spies) Wallen

Gayle Lynn Wallen - April 21, 2024 at 04:52 PM

GA

“ I have known Welita most of my childhood. Her grandma Johnson lived next door to where I lived also grandpa I knew most of her siblings and played with them. I still know her brother Trevas and Jean his wife. Rest in peace Welita. Gert (Beaupre)Auberry.

Gerrude Auberry - April 20, 2024 at 10:01 PM

RW

“ As a teenager I was introduced to George and Walita Kirchman when they took over Henry's on route 54 (now route 50). She was such a sweet lady that I never called her by her first name. She was always Mrs Kirchman May She Rest In Eternal Paradise.

Ron Wilkins - February 09, 2024 at 08:37 PM

SH

“ I had many conversations with Welita when I worked for Drs Rogers and Long. She was always kind and helpful to her students and worked with us to make sure they got the best of care

Sharon - February 07, 2024 at 09:53 AM

CS

“ Who did not love sweet Welita? Just looking at her picture makes me smile. I was so honored to have worked with her...she was a gem in every way. So sorry, Mary, for your loss. Sending love and prayers.

Cheryl SEGNERI - February 06, 2024 at 12:29 PM

DG

“ Welita was my second mom while I was growing up across the street from them....many sleep overs and lots of playing back and forth between our houses. Memories from being a kid - She always had a wonderful smile and a soft voice directing us kids while playing “school” in their garage. She laughed often. She loved well.

My heart goes out to Mary and all the family. It's so hard to lose our parent(s).

Sending much love and prayers during this time and always. Rest in peace sweet Welita.

Darla (Herron) Gerner - February 06, 2024 at 09:44 AM

MB

“ Sending heartfelt condolences.
Mary Kay & Jim Beedle.

Mary Kay Beedle - February 06, 2024 at 09:42 AM

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“ *Mary Blum lit a candle in memory of Welita J. Kirchmann*



Mary Blum - February 05, 2024 at 10:33 PM