



## Willidean M. Spaulding

July 26, 1926 - May 23, 2017

Willidean M. Spaulding, 90, passed away Tuesday (May 23, 2017) at Presence Merkle- Knipprath Countryside in Clifton, Illinois.

Willidean Marie (St. Peter) Spaulding, the daughter of Edward and Lovetta (Schore) St. Peter, was born in Morocco, Indiana on July 26, 1926. When she was two years old, her family moved to Kankakee, where she has lived all her life. She married Billie Dean Spaulding on November 1, 1947 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. Together they had two children, Barbara (Wingate) Dupuis and Donald (Deborah) Spaulding, both of Kankakee. Barbara and Wingate have two daughters: Claudia (Joel) Denault and their daughter, Amelia, who live in Kankakee and Courtney (Brian) Jones and their daughter, Morgan, who live in New Albany, Ohio. Donald and Deborah have two daughters: Dawn (Arthur) Manzke and their sons, Grayson and Gavin, who live in Kankakee, and Dana (Matthew) Duval and their son, Henry Dean, who live in Bourbonnais.

Surviving are one sister, Mary Etta Maycen of Kankakee; three sisters-in-law, Kay St. Peter of Bourbonnais, Arnette Heins of Davis, California, and Barbara Spaulding of Kankakee; one aunt, Marie Schore, of Kankakee; 17 nephews; 10 nieces; and many great and great-great nephews and nieces.

After the death of her husband on November 12, 1980, she was adopted by a special family, Jerome & Patricia Klonowski of Kankakee, Kathy & Larry Bonvallet of Tinley Park, and granddaughter Lauren of Chicago, Christina & Rick Slegr of St. Anne and two grandsons, Nicholas (Courtney) Slegr and

great-grandson Lincoln Slegr, and Derek Slegr and one granddaughter, Keegan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Lovetta; her three brothers, Leverne, Virgil, and Edward St. Peter; and her uncle, Bernard Schore.

Willidean was a housewife for 26 years. After the death of her husband, she went to work for Kmart for 15 years. She has been with St. Teresa Catholic Church in Kankakee since they opened their doors. She was a Eucharistic minister, a CCD teacher for many years, and Woman of the Year in 1991. In June 1988, she became a sister in the Master's Blend prayer group. She volunteered at the Illinois Veterans Home in Manteno. She took communion to veterans and always said, "It is not what I do for the residents, but what they do for me. God Bless them." Willidean loved to cook, sew, crochet, make crafts, play cards, and spoil her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 27, 2017 until the funeral mass at 11:00 a.m at St. Teresa Catholic Church in Kankakee. Rev. Joel Fortier will officiate. Cremation rites will be accorded following the funeral mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family wishes.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Teresa Catholic Church  
333 St. Joseph Avenue  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-7683

## Funeral Mass

MAY 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

PA

“ *It has been many, many years; but I still remember the kindness of Aunt Willie. My thoughts and prayers are with you. So sorry for your loss.*



Pat - May 27, 2017 at 09:36 AM

MH

“ *When someone cares to post a life on facebook among strangers ,that person must be special. and so now I feel that I know of that special person with the wonderful name Willidean. May the God of all comfort comfort the family and help your hearts to heal, as you await Revelations 21:3,4 With agap'e love, Marva L. Hull.*

Marva Hull - May 26, 2017 at 07:26 AM

JH

“ *Jim Harrison lit a candle in memory of Willidean M. Spaulding*



Jim Harrison - May 25, 2017 at 08:49 PM

JH

*I am so sorry to hear this Don I know what your going through may god comfort you and your family during this sad time*

Jim Harrison - May 25, 2017 at 08:51 PM

MS

“ I'll always remember Willie's kindness. I loved sleepovers with Barb when we were little because Willie helped make it so fun. You'll be missed. Rest In Peace. Miki Schmal

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**miki schmal** - May 25, 2017 at 08:26 PM

 Eddie Maycen

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**Eddie Maycen** - May 25, 2017 at 06:00 PM

 Eddie Maycen

“ I will always remember Aunt Willie standing on her back porch calling each of her nephews and nieces by name at the top of her lungs. She never had to say why she was calling, we all knew that it was the end of the day and time to get home. She was like a big mother hen.

*I will miss her,*

*Ed Maycen*

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**Eddie Maycen** - May 25, 2017 at 05:59 PM

JB

“ *The world won't be the same without you in it. Thank you for being a joy to work with at 4322-Kmart. God Blessed anyone that had a chance to meet such a beautiful lady. To the family of Willidean, we have another guardian angel to look over us. Thank you for coming into each and everyone of our lives. Rest in the arms of our Saviour Jesus Christ. God Bless you. Love you Chris.*



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**Jim and Sharon Bzoski** - May 25, 2017 at 12:02 PM