



## Wilma G. James

November 11, 1929 - January 24, 2013

Visitation for Wilma G. James, 83, of Kankakee, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Pastor Linda Harris-Cosby will officiate.

Interment will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. She died Thursday (Jan. 24, 2013) at the Miller Center in Kankakee.

Mrs. James was a homemaker. She also worked with her husband, Bob, at Kankakee Industrial Disposal. She was born Nov. 11, 1929, in Muhlenberg County, Ky., the daughter of N.L. and Jenny Haney Geary. She loved to go "blue birding," camping and traveling. She loved cardinals, flowers and gardening. She was a wonderful cook.

Surviving are her husband, Robert "Bob" James; one son, Andrew (Marlo) James, of Palatine; two daughters, Susan J. James and Sally J. Chaplinski, both of Tampa, Fla.; five grandchildren, Ian, Abby and Clare James, and Adam and Emily Chaplinski; one sister, Ruby Neal, of Kentucky; and one brother, James (Jackie) Geary, of Bourbonnais.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and five sisters.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley - [hkvcares.com](http://hkvcares.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
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## Funeral Service

JAN 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BD

“ Dear Mr. James, my old friend Sue, and family....My deepest sympathy for the passing of your beloved Wilma. I have such good thoughts of her as I grew up in your household during those challenging middle school years. A couple of fun things come to mind as I think of her....1) she always could carry on a conversation even if we weren't in the room and 2) when Sue teased her at times by calling her by her first name, that always brought a smile to her face. She had a happy disposition, loved her life, and was so very proud of her family. I am so sorry for you loss and hope you will find comfort in one another and the great memories you share. Fondly,  
Barb Keller Dilbeck

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**Barbara Keller Dilbeck** - January 30, 2013 at 04:05 PM

CR

“ *Top 5 ways Wilma James slipped into my psyche and influences me to this day...*



*I am incapable of passing a flea market or antique store without stopping to search for cookie jars and fiestaware to add to my collection.*

*My child needs a second bedroom to act as her closet.*

*There is always a fresh pot of coffee brewing in my kitchen.*

*I often find myself talking to an empty room as the child I was speaking to has slipped out while my back was turned...but I keep talking, confident that my words will eventually find their mark.*

*The patented Wilma finger-waggle has slipped into my parenting style. It means little to my daughter most days, but at least the dog immediately recognizes that he'd better STOP this foolish behavior RIGHT NOW.*

*I am eternally grateful that Wilma was in my life. She was one of the kindest, most generous, and loving women I have ever had the privilege to know.*

*My deepest condolences to her family. The world is a lesser place without her.*

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**Cris** - January 30, 2013 at 12:21 AM

CM

“ *Bob, Andy, Sally, Susan, you have my deepest sympathy in the loss of your wife and mother. Enjoyed knowing her through Andy and Sally at Bishop Mac and my daughter. You will be remembered in our prayers.*

*Cathie (Bergan) Miedema*

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**Catherine E. Miedema** - January 29, 2013 at 02:40 PM

VW

“ Bob, Sue, Sally and Andy and the entire James family - So very sorry to learn of the passing of Wilma. She was a great lady and I have a lot of very good memories of her - especially all her hospitality at your home and as a guest at your lake house in Paw Paw, Michigan. Good times, and good memories.....My Deepest Sympathies - Vickie Waide-Ashmore

Victoria Waide-Ashmore - January 29, 2013 at 12:28 PM

LC

“ Laurie Coleman lit a candle in memory of Wilma G. James



Laurie Coleman - January 28, 2013 at 09:37 PM

SG

“ Susan Gergen-Schaepman lit a candle in memory of Wilma G. James



Susan Gergen-Schaepman - January 28, 2013 at 03:31 AM

RG

“ With deepest sympathy to all of the family, and with deep affection for Andy and Sally. I have the warmest memories of your mother's kindness and sense of humor. She was a wonderful and supportive presence to me and to Bishop McNamara, along with your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Rebecca Gonski - January 27, 2013 at 09:19 AM

JK

*Dear Bob, Sue, Sally, Andy and grandchildren,  
My deepest sympathies to all of you. Your wife/mother/grandmother  
was my favorite parent growing up! Love to all of you! Jayne*

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**Jayne Azzarelli Korstick** - January 27, 2013 at 02:42 PM

RA

*Dear Bob, Sue, Sally and Andy, Please accept my deepest sympathy!  
She was a wonderful person! God's Blessings to you all!*

*Rose Mary Alberts*

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**Rose Mary Alberts** - January 29, 2013 at 03:14 PM