



Wilma Jean O'Connell

January 19, 1931 - July 13, 2018

Wilma Jean Rogers O'Connell, age 87, of Kankakee passed away Friday, July 13, 2018 at Miller Health Care Center in Kankakee. She was born January 19, 1931 in Benton, the daughter of Ralph King & Gertrude Evelyn Byron Rogers. Jean married LaVern O'Connell on October 6, 1951 in Kankakee.

Jean was a Secretary for the Kankakee Valley Park District, Kankakee Community College, and Westview High School. She also served as the CCW President for St. Teresa Catholic Church in Kankakee. Jean enjoyed playing golf, crocheting, needlepoint, and traveling. She was a parishioner of St. Teresa Catholic Church, where she was also an active member of the Council of Catholic Women.

Surviving are four sons and four daughters-in-law, Daniel & Amy O'Connell of Springfield, David & Carol O'Connell of St. Anne, Kevin & Jan O'Connell of Tempe, AZ, and Kenny & Chrissy O'Connell of St. Peter, MN; two daughters and one son-in-law, Kathy Dunn of Indianapolis, IN and Karen & Tim Pinson of Kankakee; sixteen grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; and one dear twin sister, Barbara Joan Baron. In addition to her husband, Lavern O'Connell, Jean is preceded in death by one son-in-law, Thomas Dunn.

Visitation will be held from 4- 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral mass will be held at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at St. John Paul II- East Campus (formerly St. Teresa Catholic Church). Rev. Sunny Castillo will celebrate the mass.

Cremation rites will be accorded following the services.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or family wishes.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

JUL 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II- East Campus
361 St Joseph Ave
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Rick And Kim Magruder lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean O'Connell



Rick and Kim Magruder - July 21, 2018 at 03:23 PM

NF

“ Kevin/Kenny, O'Connell Family:

Thoughts and prayers are with you, so sorry about your Mother. Kevin/Kenny worked at the Exline Gun Club many years ago, when my late husband Ralph managed the Club.

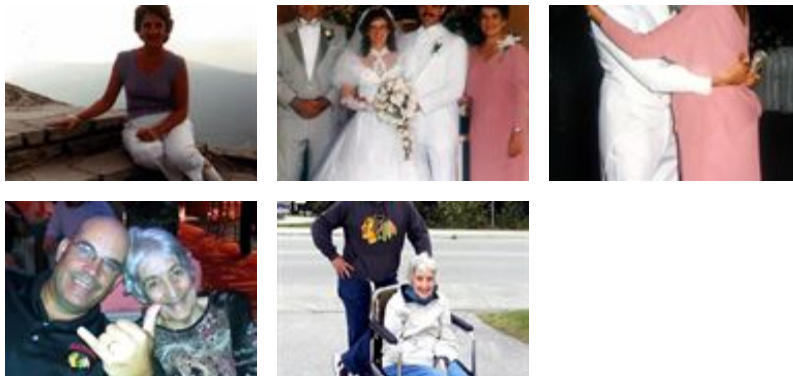
God be with you!

Nat Ferrari

Natalene Ferrari - July 21, 2018 at 12:40 PM



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Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - July 17, 2018 at 01:28 PM

BB

“ I was blessed to have met Mrs. O'Connell when I was young and impressionable. Her quiet strength was what I truly admired, and needed at that time in my life. My condolences to her family.

Bernadette Barry - July 16, 2018 at 09:15 PM

RS

“ Jean you will be missed I am so glad I met you!! Thanks for all the encouraging words through the years!! You will be missed. Love Roxa Storke

roxa storke - July 16, 2018 at 03:46 PM



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Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - July 16, 2018 at 03:13 PM

VD

“ Karen , Tim and family. My sympathy thoughts and prayers are with all of you.



Virginia R Dominick - July 16, 2018 at 09:50 AM

CW

“ Cari Wersal lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean O'Connell



Cari Wersal - July 16, 2018 at 09:02 AM



“ *Bridget Connolly lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean O'Connell*



Bridget Connolly - July 15, 2018 at 08:08 PM



“ *Susan Menigoz-Lehnig lit a candle in memory of Wilma Jean O'Connell*



Susan Menigoz-Lehnig - July 15, 2018 at 05:47 PM



“ *I worked with Jean at Westview High School for many years and as a result we became very good friends. Jean, JoLinda and I have had many leisurely lunches together chatting, laughing and talking about old times. Jean was a devout christian who loved her Lord and her family very much. Even though I did not know many of her children personally I felt like I watched them grow up. They were her life and she will be missed by all. I send my sympathy to all of you and also to Joan whom she loved very much.*

Phyllis Manker - July 15, 2018 at 05:34 PM

CS

“ *Carla Scheppler lit a candle in memory of
Wilma Jean O'Connell*



Carla Scheppler - July 15, 2018 at 09:03 AM