



Betty L. Decker

June 3, 1938 - June 28, 2021

Betty L. Decker R.N., age 83, formerly of Kankakee passed away Monday, June 28, 2021 at her home in Manteno. She was born June 3, 1938 in Kankakee, the daughter of Lester & Eileen (Boudreau) Billings.

Betty is a graduate of St Joseph's School of Nursing in Joliet and worked as a Registered Nurse for over 40 years. She began her nursing career at AMITA St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee where she worked for 3 years, before moving to Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee when it opened in 1964. She remained at Riverside for 30 years until she moved to Arizona. She retired from Scottsdale Memorial Hospital in Arizona in 2000. She enjoyed crocheting, doing crossword puzzles and jigsaw puzzles.

Betty was a longtime parishioner of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee and most recently a parishioner of St. John Paul II Catholic Church.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Maurice & Amanda Decker Jr. of Cudahy, WI; two daughters and one son-in-law, Christine & Richard Nichols of Kankakee and Cynthia Decker-Arseneau of Springfield; eight grandchildren, Joshua Nichols, Jacob (Grace Metz) Nichols, Morissa (Sean) Glomb, Max Arseneau, Payton Decker, Maurice D. "Trey" Decker III, Ronald Decker, and Jillian Decker; one brother, Gary Billings of Bradley; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Betty is preceded in death by her parents; one infant son, Lester Earl Decker; one brother, Stanley Sirota; and one sister, Myra Laymon.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of the 11 a.m. memorial Mass on Friday, July 2, 2021 at St. Rose of Lima Chapel in Kankakee. Rev. Ray Lescher will celebrate the Mass. Inurnment will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family's wishes.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church
486 W Merchant St.
Kankakee, IL

Memorial Mass

JUL 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Betty L. Decker*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Loved working along side Betty for years in the ER. I learned a lot and we had a lot of laughs. Great memories. My sympathy to the family...*



Norma Blair - July 01, 2021 at 10:59 PM



“ *Betty was the first person I met in Surgery. She was my preceptor on the one precious observation day that we had as a student. From that day forward all I wanted was to work in the OR. When I was hired in that same OR as a new grad, Betty and I became fast friends, my mentor and my teacher. She was always supportive in a sometimes tough learning experience. When I had my own personal tragedy, she was right there to hold me up. Betty loved her family above all else., but as a nurse was was the ultimate professional. Always kind to others. I will miss her.*



Karen Therese - July 01, 2021 at 10:01 AM



“ *Betty and I were nursing school classmates at St. Joe's in Joliet. I had only seen her once since graduation but it was like we'd never been apart. She was always so friendly and warm. We shared some stories and fun times. We even shared a boyfriend once! I know she will be missed and I send condolences to her family. Til we meet again Betty!*

Pat (Cresto) Fitzgerald

patricia fitzgerald - July 01, 2021 at 09:36 AM



“ *Fond memories of Betty at high school and nursing school. NORMA Reid*

NORMA Reid - June 30, 2021 at 08:29 PM

VD

“ Virginia R Dominick lit a candle in memory of Betty L. Decker



Virginia R Dominick - June 30, 2021 at 06:53 AM

LP

“ I absolutely loved Betty! Worked with her many years at Riverside. She was the kindest, sweetest person. And her laugh was just the best!



Lynn Panici - June 29, 2021 at 05:58 PM

JS

“ Janice Shenk lit a candle in memory of Betty L. Decker



Janice Shenk - June 29, 2021 at 05:11 PM

KW

“ Karen Weir lit a candle in memory of Betty L. Decker



Karen Weir - June 29, 2021 at 02:41 PM

BS

“ Beth S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Betty L. Decker.



Beth S. - June 29, 2021 at 01:52 PM

BE

“ *Beth lit a candle in memory of Betty L. Decker*



Beth - June 29, 2021 at 01:38 PM