



## Betty Lynn Durell

October 30, 1928 - July 29, 2022

Betty Lynn Durell, 93, of Kankakee passed away on Friday, July 29, 2022 at her home surrounded by her family. Betty was born on October 30, 1928 in Odin, IL, the daughter of Frank and Nora (Logan) Ragle. Betty married Arthur Durell on November 30, 1957 at Kankakee First Methodist Church, they shared nearly 37 years together until he passed on May 20, 1994.

Betty had many accomplishments in her life. Her biggest accomplishment was her children; Betty was a loving mother who “gave of myself when I could, but my children were my top priority.” Betty wore many hats in her career; she was a registered nurse, a stewardess with the Illinois Central Railroad, an active member of many clubs and organizations, alderman of the Sixth Ward, executive director of Servants United Foundation, St. Mary’s Hospital and Our Lady of Victory Nursing Home Divisions, and Director of Public Relations for Good Shepard Manor. Betty did not just join an organization to just sit, Betty joined to be an active member including the roles of President and Chairman. Betty was Senior Regent of the Women of the Moose and Chairman of the Kankakee Junior Women’s Club. Betty was instrumental in the opening of Shepard’s Attic, the thrift shop for Good Shepard’s Manor, she served on the Kankakee County Board of Health and the Kankakee County Training Center (KCTC) Board. Betty was an active volunteer in the community; Betty and her husband Art, “wanted to give to their community instead of taking from it.” Betty was also an active member of Asbury United Methodist Church.

Betty is survived by her daughter Jean Marie (Reggie) Coutant of Bonfield, her son Brian Durell of Kankakee, 3 grandchildren Elizabeth (Austin) Boyd, Lauren (Brent) Mason, David (Natalie) Flageole, 8 great-grandchildren; Colleen and Sean Boyd, Nora, Coralynn, Amelia, and Alaina Mason, and Levi and Alice Flageole, as well and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband Art, Betty is preceded in death by a daughter Nora Lynn, her parents, her brothers; Donald, Ronald, Cecil, and Gary Ragle, her sisters; Genevieve Flemming, Rosalie Matthews, Barbara Belmore, and Cheryl Pagel.

A funeral service for Betty will be on Tuesday, August 2, at 2 pm at the Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Visitation will follow the funeral service from 3-6 pm. Cremation rites will be accorded following the services and a private inurnment will take place at Mount Calvary Cemetery at a later date.

Those who wish may leave memorials in Betty's name to Good Shepard Manor or St. Mary's Foundation.

Please visit Betty's online obituary and guestbook at [www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

AUG 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel  
1900 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-2421  
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

AUG 2. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel  
1900 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Lynn Durell*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Sending my deepest condolences and prayers to Brian and all family memebers. Betty will he missed.*

**ERNESTO HERNANDEZ** - August 02, 2022 at 11:20 PM



“ *We are so sorry to learn of your loss. Our deepest condolences to your family during this difficult time. Hold on to the good memories.*



**Jerry Enright & Julie Enright** - August 02, 2022 at 10:37 PM



“ *Joseph Giacchino lit a candle in memory of Betty Lynn Durell*



**Joseph Giacchino** - August 02, 2022 at 06:27 AM

JO

“ Our heartfelt condolences for you Brian and family, your mother was such a wonderful lady! My dad always referred to her as his favorite cousin. You are in our prayers. Joyce (Mayhood) And Gary Overright



Joyce - August 01, 2022 at 08:21 PM

GB

“ R.I.P. Brain Hang inthere

greg borggren - August 01, 2022 at 04:36 PM

MP

“ Brian and family,  
Our deepest condolences to you and your entire family. Betty was a beautiful lady inside and out and will never be forgotten.

Dick and Sharon Panozzo

Mr & Mrs Richard Panozzo - August 01, 2022 at 12:33 PM

CG

“ Brian & Family >  
My deepest sympathy to all the family on your mother's passing. Everything I ever heard about Betty was most-positive, always for the good. My prayers for all of you. Cherish the memories .... 🙏  
— Carl Gerdovich



Carl Gerdovich - July 31, 2022 at 11:59 PM

RM

“ My heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Brian and his family on the loss of your beautiful Queen, Mrs. Durrell... You loving Mother. God bless and my prayers are with you all 🙏🕊️

Rosetta Mason - July 31, 2022 at 10:57 PM



“ My condolences on the passing of Betty. One of my earliest memories is of her bringing me a parfait on the Illinois Central Railroad as rode the train to Southern Illinois. She was a beautiful, kind lady.



Bob Schneider - July 31, 2022 at 07:59 PM

JF

“ My deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother. I remember her fondly. May God hold and keep you all in the palm of His hand to help you through this. You are all in my prayers.



Jolynne Fahey - July 31, 2022 at 12:25 PM

GP

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family on the loss of your mother. She was a lovely lady. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.  
Gary, Rose Marie and Ed Piatt



Gary and Rose Piatt - July 31, 2022 at 12:18 PM