



## Doreen Marie Atkins

July 13, 1923 - April 16, 2024

Doreen Marie Atkins, lifelong resident of Kankakee County, passed away at Riverside Medical Center on April 16th, 2024. She was born July 13th, 1923 to John and Bertha (Douglas) Bourassa of Otto Township.

After graduating Chebanse High School she held various retail jobs in Kankakee. In January 1942 she married Kenneth W. Atkins. In the subsequent years, they constructed several homes in the Kankakee area. Eventually Doreen took production jobs in the county, most notably at Bear Brand Hosiery and Sun Chemical.

She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, her brother James, and an infant brother Gilbert. Also preceding her was a beloved sister-in-law, Laurette Mueller, and friends Patricia and Wendell Milton.

She is survived by her nephew John (Jill) Forrestal of Bourbonnais, grand nieces Sarah Forrestal of Chicago, Rachel LaGesse (Justin) of Aroma Park, Cathlin Acevedo (Aaron) of Kankakee, and Hayley Forrestal of Bourbonnais, as well as great-grandnephews Jackson and Harrison LaGesse.

She enjoyed traveling around the country with her husband, especially to the Southwest.

In her later years, Doreen was blessed by the friendship and support of special neighbors.

She will be interred next to her husband at Memorial Gardens. A memorial service will be held in the near future.



# Cemetery Details

## **Kankakee Memorial Gardens**

15 South 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall

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“ Doreen was a neighbor to my mother-in law & father in-law, Vern & Arlene, she was an awesome friend to them before their passing. My husband & I stayed in touch with her, she was one special lady. Fly high, Doreen, you'll be missed. Prayers to your family..



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