



## Doris Virginia Fritz

October 7, 1922 - May 17, 2017

Doris Virginia Fritz, 94, of Herscher passed away on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at Miller Healthcare in Kankakee. She was born on October 7, 1922 in Kankakee, the daughter of Fred and Mildred (Glass) Mau. Virginia married Bernard F. Fritz on July 17, 1948 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Kankakee. They have been married almost 69 years. Virginia attended two years of college at North Central College in Naperville but switched to Rush-Presbyterian-St Luke School of Nursing in March 1942 having enrolled in the US Cadet Nurse Corps. The Cadet Nurse Corps trained over 150,000 American women to service hospital patients across the country during WWII. Following the war, Virginia was employed in a doctor's office in Kankakee, which eventually led to a position in the newly built Riverside Medical Center. Here she was employed for 13 years in the New Born Nursery where she served as Head Nurse. After "retirement", Virginia served as a Registered Nurse at Merkle-Knipprath Nursing Home in Clifton for 20 years. She enjoyed traveling, camping, flower gardens, crocheting for the nursing home and playing the piano. Virginia spent her entire life in the Bonfield / Herscher area, except for many wonderful winters spent in Florida. She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Herscher for over 50 years.

She is survived by her husband Bernard Fritz of Herscher; one daughter and son-in law Amy Jo (Robert) Gerstetter of Herscher; one son and daughter-in-law Jeffrey (Dr. Mary Olsen) Fritz of Beaumont, TX; one brother Richard Mau of Melbourne, FL; grandchildren Matthew (Tricia) Drozda, Christopher Drozda, Eric (Breanna) Ewald, Tyler Fritz and Carter Fritz; 2 great-grand children and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister Dorothy Brown and one brother-in-law Charles Brown, and one sister-in-law Jacqueline Mau.

There will be a memorial visitation on Friday, June 2, 2017 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Schreffler Funeral Homes, Kankakee Chapel. There will be a memorial service one Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 10:00 am at Schreffler Funeral Homes, Kankakee Chapel.

Burial will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Aroma Twp.

Please sign her guestbook at [www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 2.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

**JUN 3.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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



“ *Doris Virginia Fritz*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM

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“ *MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO BERNARD, AMY AND FAMILY AND JEFF AND FAMILY. We go way back, as our families were friends for many years. I remember many visits to the farm on Herscher road, and many fond memories of Virginia and Bernard. Virginia was a very special lady and I pray that she rests in peace. God Bless Her.*

**Charlene Dahn Skeldon** - June 03, 2017 at 05:24 PM

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“ *Thinking of you in sorrow but also recalling many fond memories. Orville and Pat*

**orville busse** - May 31, 2017 at 03:31 PM

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“ *Shirley Dunham lit a candle in memory of Doris Virginia Fritz*



**Shirley Dunham** - May 28, 2017 at 07:56 PM

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*I knew Virginia very well and worked with her in both places mentioned. She was a dedicated caring nurse for sure..It was my pleasure to have known and to have worked with her,..May she rest in peace and will be missed by all who knew her. May God Bless*

**Shirley Dunham** - May 28, 2017 at 08:01 PM

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“ *Uncle Bernard, Jeff and family, Amy and family, we are deeply saddened to learn of Aunt Virginia's recent passing. Our hearts and prayers are with you all. Warmest hugs, Sandra, James, Jessica and Jennifer Stone.*

**sandra stone** - May 26, 2017 at 12:18 PM