



Bernita "Bert" Prairie

July 29, 1929 - February 28, 2015

Bernita "Bert" M. Prairie, 85 of Bradley passed away February 28 at Riverside Medical Center. She was born July 29, 1929 in Martinton, IL to Joseph and Ruth D. (Doan) LeClair. She married Ronald Prairie in Kentland, Indiana, on June 17, 1945, and he passed away March 31, 1994. "Bert" was a waitress at Rosie's restaurant and also worked in dietary at Riverside Medical Center for 19 years and retired in 1994. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and enjoyed visiting the animals at Perry Farm and listening to music. Bernita is survived by her daughter Judi and Craig Penley of Bonfield, 2 grand children; John and Renee Williams and Kim LaFlamme and Mark Thorson, 3 great grandchildren; Christopher and Megan LaFlamme, Stephanie and Megan Williams, 2 great great grandchildren; Ethan and Kegan LaFlamme who all affectionately knew her as "Grandma Crackers". Also surviving is her brother and sister in law; Duane and Mary LeClair of Bourbonnais, a brother in law; Carl Farmer of Bradley and a sister in law; Barb LeClair of Union Hill and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, one brother; Robert, and her sisters; Sharon Cooper and Doreen Farmer and her infant sister. Mrs. Prairie had many special friends at the Bradley Fire Department, Bill's Diner, Riverside Dietary and Kankakee Kommons who knew her best as "Drive-by-Grammy" so known for her love of driving by and checking up on everyone on a daily basis for many years. A gathering of family and friends will be Wednesday, March 4, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Kankakee Chapel of the Schreffler Life Story Funeral Home. The celebration of life service will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2015 also at the Kankakee Chapel of the Schreffler Life Story Funeral Home. Burial will follow the service at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais, IL. In lieu of flowers please make memorials to family wishes. Please visit www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com where you can learn more about "Bert's" life, archive a favorite memory or photo and sign the online guestbook.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bernita "Bert" Prairie*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *I met Bert when I started working at Riverside in 1983 and enjoyed working with her and giving her crap back just like she use to dish out to "us damn kids" who worked afternoons in dietary. I met her again when I started working at River North in Sept 2014 and we started dishing out the crap to each other just like old times. She always asked if I was staying out of trouble and had to tell "hell no I'm not you would be mad if I was". If you told her to go to hell she would tell you she would met you there and bring the six pack and the cards. God bless you Bert and when we met again in heaven you better have the six pack and the cards.*

Angie Devine - March 04, 2015 at 01:56 AM



“ *'Bert" as we all called her at River North of Bradley was such a wonderful and caring lady to be around. Everyday walking into work Bert would ask me if i was "Causing trouble", and if i wasn't she would tell me that she was because someone had to keep things interesting. Working with Bert everyday was such a wonderful Blessing. She was always so caring and and always thanked me for everything i did for her. No matter what kind of mood I had walking into work she always found a way to change that with her wonderful personality. Bert will always hold a special place in my heart, and I will miss her dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with her and her family. God Bless you guys!*

Cortni Workman - March 03, 2015 at 08:36 PM



“ *I met Bert when I was 16 years old and worked with her at Riverside and we use to cause some problems in the front serving people, but we had the best time. She taught me so much and something I will never forget and that is how to tell someone off in the nicest way. Then years later when I started to work at Bradley Fire the drive by granny was what made my whole day and if we were up to something she would tell us how to do it better and cause trouble and if her granddaughter Kim (who she loved so much and it showed) was not where she could see her then in she came to ask and man we better have known. I will miss her and the funny memories, but they will always be with me. Sending my thoughts and prayers to this wonderful women's family and thank you for letting her be part of mine. Danielle Dugan*

Danielle Dugan - March 03, 2015 at 05:42 PM