



## Eloise E. Ruark

August 5, 1924 - February 17, 2016

Eloise E. Ruark, 91, of Bourbonnais passed away February 17, 2016 at The Bickford House. She was born August 5, 1924 in Kankakee to Walter and Elnora (Schmoll) Ruark. Eloise graduated from Earl Park High School in Indiana where she was the Valedictorian of her class. She continued her education at Gallagher Business College in Kankakee. Eloise was employed by New York Central Railroad from July 10, 1944 as a secretary and retired from Consolidated Rail Corp February 10, 1987. During this time she was the office manager and the first female sale representative for the railroad. Eloise enjoyed bowling, golfing and socializing with the organizations she belonged to. She was a dedicated member of Kankakee Women's Club, Women of the Moose, HCE, and Kankakee County Historical Society, the Kankakee Bowling Association and a long time member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Eloise is survived by her cousins; Merry Shick of Moline, IL, Shelly Shick of Knoxville, TN, Josh Shick of Moline, Scott Shick of Rock Island, IL Julie Rowe of Moline, IL, Neil Rowe of Ames, Iowa, Elliot Rowe, Prospect Heights, IL. Also, cousins Kathleen Kelly of East Moline, IL, Dennis and Lois Kelly of Moline, IL, Bryan Kelly and Scott Kelly, Donovan and Marge Schmoll, Cedar Falls, IA, Michael Schmoll, New Orleans, LA, Glenn Schmoll III and Diane Schmoll, Glenn Schmoll, St. Louis, MO, Margaret Schmoll, Texas, Carol Black, East Moline, IL, Darrell Edmonds. Personal friends, Lee Walters, Pat Andrews and Rhonda Olechowski. She was preceded in death by her parents and cousin Phyllis Morey.

A visitation will be Monday February 22, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 at Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel. The funeral service will be at Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel at 11:00 a.m. Monday, officiated by Rev. Karl Koeppen. Burial will be at Mound Grove Gardens in Kankakee, IL. Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church Building Fund. The family would like to thank Hospice of Kankakee Valley and the staff at The Bickford House. Please visit [www.schrefflerfuneralhomes](http://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes) to sign her online guest book.

# Cemetery Details

## Mound Grove Gardens of Memory

1000 N Greenwood  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 22. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

FEB 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Eloise E. Ruark*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Our sincere sympathies to your families, Eloise worked as secretary for my father, Harold Shamblin at New York Central Railroad. She was a very nice lady, always kidding around . She would always stop by my flower shop in Geneseo, Illinois to say hello and shop, as she would come see her family in Moline. With sincere sympathy , Pat Mays, Village Florist, Geneseo, Illinois*

**Patty Shamblin Mays** - February 25, 2016 at 09:08 PM



“ *It was always a pleasure to see Eloise. She was always smiling. from the Millers Melvin, Dolores, Devan, Ronnie, and Trina.*

**Ron Miller** - February 21, 2016 at 10:49 AM



“ *Eloise was a very dear friend of ours for many years. She was part of our coffee drinking group whom we first met at Cotter bakery in Bradley. She will certainly be missed and our sincere sympathy goes out to her family. Duane and Kathy Roy*

**Kathy Roy** - February 18, 2016 at 10:06 PM