



## Gertrude Louise "Trudy" "Gert" Howell

July 17, 1937 - September 10, 2021

Gertrude Louise "Trudy" "Gert" Howell, age 84, of Herscher, formerly of Friendsville, MD passed away Friday, September 10, 2021 at her home. She was born July 17, 1937 in Zanesville, OH, the daughter of Henry William & Nellie Mae (Glass) Hutzel. Trudy married Richard Howell on October 12, 1954 in Fostoria, OH. He preceded her in death on February 24, 2006.

Trudy had been employed at Riverside Medical Center and Shapiro Developmental Center, both in Kankakee.

She was a member of the League of Women's Voters and Herscher United Methodist Church Women's Club. She enjoyed reading her bible, crafting, embroidery, quilting, knitting, crocheting, and doing latch hook. She loved spending time with her family.

Trudy was a member of the Herscher United Methodist Church.

Surviving are one son, Richard (Judy) Howell Jr. of Bourbonnais; three daughters, Donna (Doug) Denault of Herscher, Deborah Lynn (Otilio) Guerra of Herscher, and Denise (Bob) Anderson of Kankakee; stepdaughters, Sharon Strults of OH and Sandra (Sylvester) Saylor of ME; one brother, Wilbur (Delores) Hutzel; eleven grandchildren, Jaison (Elizabeth) Howell, Ryan (Angie) Howell, Rob (Tomomi) Hartung, Amy (Simon) Matthews, Neil

(Lindsey) Denault, Nick (Roxy) Denault, Rey (Alyssa) Guerra, Alicia (Dale Sr.) Guttendorf, Laura (Adam) Legacy, Candy (Heath) Overacker, and Kelly (Randy) Bessette; numerous great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to her husband, Richard Howell, Trudy is preceded in death by her parents; one infant daughter; one infant granddaughrer; one infant grandson; two great-grandchildren; one brother; and two sisters.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until the time of the 1 p.m. funeral service on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. Rev. Kevin Boesen will officiate the service. Burial will follow at Bonfield Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno.

# Cemetery Details

## Bonfield Cemetery

Bonfield, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 15. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

SEP 15. 1:00 PM (CT)

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



“ *Gertrude Louise "Trudy" "Gert" Howell*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *You have my deepest sympathy. Much love to all! Janet Moody-Donna's friend and former co-worker.*

**Janet Moody** - September 14, 2021 at 12:48 PM



“ *I worked with Trudy at Shapiro many years ago. I was young and she was always a reasonable voice of advice. She was a hard worker with a heart of gold.*

**Laurie Schade** - September 14, 2021 at 09:05 AM



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