



Idella M. Brooks

March 13, 1930 - May 16, 2015

Idella M. Brooks , 85 of Chebanse passed away Saturday May 16th at Iroquois Memorial Hospital in Watseka.

A wake for Idella Marie Elizabeth (Meyer) Brooks, 85, will be held Friday, May 22, from 3 to 7 pm at the Kankakee Chapel of Schreffler Funeral Home, followed immediately by services to celebrate her life, officiated by Reverend Karl Koepen at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Kankakee Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Aroma Township following the services.

Idella was born March 13, 1930 in Kankakee, to Arthur and Gladys (Cailteux) Meyer. On August 6, 1960, she married James Brooks, and raised three children in Kankakee County. At the time they met, James was a school counselor for the Kankakee School District, and Idella a secretary. Idella was a homemaker for most of her parenting years, and later became a familiar face when she worked at local stores including Books Plus, Kidz Togz, and Donna's. She enjoyed seeing her regular customers, as well as meeting new faces, each time she went to work.

As a mother, she was always supportive of her children's endeavors, encouraging them to be active in their many interests. As they grew to adults, she enjoyed her new role as grandmother and had a great time "spoiling" each and every one of her 10 grandchildren.

Although her illness with COPD was a long and difficult journey, she remained positive and happy, always offering a smile to and genuine concern to those who helped take care of her. She was a lifetime member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Kankakee, and an avid member of the Red Hat Society.

Idella is survived by her children, James (Mindy Steele) Brooks Jr. of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Deborah Morrison of Chebanse, and Eric (Jennie Potter) Brooks of Oak Harbor, Washington; her grandchildren, James III 'Jay" and Samuel Brooks of Virginia Beach; James "Alex" (Alicia) Morrison of Limestone; Jessica, Micheal, Evan and Emily Morrison

of Chebanse; and Elizabeth "Ella," Christopher, and Charles "Charlie" Brooks of Oak Harbor, Washington; and great-grandson Jayden Reyes.

She is also survived by her sister, Lois (Robert) Teske of Buckley; brothers Vernon (Judith) Meyer and Kenneth (Elaine) Meyer of Chebanse; Merle Meyer of Minnesota; Richard Meyer of Wisconsin; brother-in-law Louis Wolfe of Chebanse; and many, many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband James, brother; Gerald Meyer, and sister Wanda (Meyer) Wolfe.

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

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
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Service

MAY 22. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Idella M. Brooks*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM

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“ *I worked with Idella at Donna's. I always looked forward going to work because we had a good time in the Children Dept. She was always happy and she loved her customers and everyone of her customers loved her.*



Bonnie Conwell - May 22, 2015 at 08:39 AM

SR

“ *Jim (Jimmy), Eric, and Debbie,
My deepest sympathy to you and your families just in case I do not see you in person to express my sincere condolences. Your mom was a beautiful lady both inside and out. I always admired and enjoyed visiting with her. While she is in a better place, you have wonderful memories to treasure. -
Sheila Riley Renewanz*

Sheila Renewanz - May 21, 2015 at 08:41 AM

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“ *Jim, Debbie, and Eric, I am very sorry I won't be able to be there in person to express my condolences to you and your family. I have many great memories of spending time with your family and know that your mom is now in a better place, free from illness. My parents and I want you to know you have our sympathy. -
Julie Enright*

Julie Enright - May 20, 2015 at 02:21 PM

MM

“ *Thank You Idella for all the love,fun & just wonderful days working with you at Donna's! Even though you were downstairs & I was upstairs we always found a way to meet up,laugh & talk! You were such an Inspiration to me,I just loved our visits & oh so many laughs! You had a Heart of Gold my Dear..May God give you every bit of Peace.Warmth & Love you so deserve & to your Beautiful Family also.Rest Peacefully Now & Thank You for your kindness,inspiration,laughs & love,I will never forget you.. 😊💕*

mary mcgrath - May 20, 2015 at 11:23 AM

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“ Dear Idella, We who knew and loved you miss your earthly presence already, but know that you've left the world a better place with Jim and Deb and Eric to continue the legacy of your love, faith and generosity. Jim and Mindy, Debbie, and Eric and Jennie, know that all who have known your mom have loved her and will pray to and for her. That new star is out there twinkling at you always!

George and Jane Potter - May 20, 2015 at 09:34 AM