



## Joan Paule VanDerKarr

June 29, 1937 - May 15, 2018

Joan P. VanDerKarr, 80 of Bourbonnais passed away May 15, 2018 at Miller Health Care Center surrounded by her family. She was born June 29, 1937 in Kankakee to Arthur and Regina (Denault) Manau. Joan married Robert VanDerKarr April 12, 1958 at St. Rose of Lima Church in Kankakee.

She was a secretary for the State of Illinois in the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Joan was a member of St. Rose of Lima Church in Kankakee, Women of the Moose, she was a member of Quadrille and past president of the Kankakee Valley Garden Club. She enjoyed dancing, cooking, entertaining and spending time with her grandchildren.

Joan is survived by her husband of 60 years, her daughters; Susan (Harrel) Thompson of IN, Julie VanDerKarr of Memphis, TN, 2 grandchildren; Harrel Thompson III and Camilla VanDerKarr. Also surviving are her brothers; Bud (Phyllis) Manau of Kankakee, Milton (Brigitte) Fritz of Plainfield, nieces, nephews and many other family and friends and very special lifelong friend; Monica Ruder.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a sister, Shirley Enrietto. The memorial visitation will be 9-10am, Friday, May 25, 2018 at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church and the memorial service will follow at 10am. Father Jason Nesbit will officiate. Burial will be at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

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



# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421  
(815) 423-9958  
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/abrahamlincoln.asp>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAY 25. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Maternity BVM Catholic Church  
308 E Marsile  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

## Memorial Mass

MAY 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Bourbonnais, IL 60914

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joan Paule VanDerKarr*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Bob and the VanDerKarr family on the loss of Joan!! She was a lovely lady with a beautiful smile!! She will be deeply missed by all who knew her!! You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time!! Gary & Rose Marie Piatt*



**Gary & Rose Marie Piatt** - May 21, 2018 at 05:13 PM



“ *As members of Quadrille Club, we shared many fun conversations with Joan and Bob. She was a very creative decorator, and always had fun ideas to share on committee work. She was a treasure! Marsha and Lee Hill*

**Marsha Hill** - May 19, 2018 at 04:28 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I knew Joan and Buddy since we were kids and lived in the same block on the West side. She was a really nice lady.*



**Pat Posing** - May 18, 2018 at 09:50 AM

CS

“ Joan was a beautiful lady. She was such a wonderful person to be around she is our Brother in laws sister Jude (Bud) to us Manau even though she wasn't really my family she always seemed like she was. A fun loving woman who had so many friends and family I want to say how sorry I am to Robert (Bob) to us and their daughters Susan and Julie and Joan's grandchildren and her brothers and their family's how much joy Joan brought into everyone's life that she was around. Lenny and I will miss you dearly and we know you are definitely are in heaven because you were always an angel on earth.  
Connie J Surprenant



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**Connie Surprenant** - May 17, 2018 at 12:21 PM

CW

“ Joan was such a nice person. Always pleasant when you call the Social Service Office when we worked at IVHM. My condolences to the family. Ms.Cheryl Wilson



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**Cheryl Wilson** - May 17, 2018 at 10:31 AM

VD

“ My sympathy Bob and all Joan's family. She was one great lady. I know she will be missed. Joan my friend R.I.P.



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**Virginia R Dominick** - May 16, 2018 at 07:16 PM

MS

“ Weds 5/16 ..... It seems this tired old world has lost an angel. Rest in heavenly peace, Joan. Your beautiful joyful presence will always be with those you loved and who dearly loved you. You were a devoted wife, loving mother, proud grandmother, and caring friend who lived life with a happy giving heart. You made people feel cared for and special. You had the gift of nurturing. I admired you very much. It was always nice to share memories of the old days at St. Mary's grade school and at St. Patrick's High on Harrison. I'll continue to remember you and your dearly beloved Bob in my prayers. Your life was lived with style and grace and you were an example of selflessness. May God ever hold you in the hollow of His hand. Certainly my older brother Bob and so many of your departed classmates have saved you a place of honor at His table, where all of you will await the time we join you. Until that time.

*"It's comforting to know that the gift a loved one has brought into your life can never be extinguished ... no one can ever take away the gift and the power of the relationship you shared. It is forever yours."*

*With heartfelt sympathy,  
Merrill Ann Schierholz Seal*

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**Merrill Seal** - May 16, 2018 at 12:32 PM

LS

*Bud, sorry about the loss of your sister. She did a lot for you in your younger days. A prayer for yo and the family.*

*Leroy and Anita Sarowatz*

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**Leroy Sarowatz** - May 19, 2018 at 04:47 PM