



Laura Ruth Young

April 12, 1937 - December 29, 2023

Laura Ruth Young, 86, of Kankakee, passed away Friday, December 29, 2023, at Riverside Senior Life (Westwood) in Kankakee.

She was born April 12, 1937 in Tilden, Illinois, daughter of Ardell and Harriet (Jones) Rees. She attended Olivet Nazarene College and graduated in 1962 with a degree in Education. While at Olivet, she met Ovid Young and they were married June 1, 1962 at College Church of the Nazarene in Bourbonnais, IL. Ovid preceded her in death on August 24, 2014.

She is survived by her children, Kirk Young, of Frisco, Texas, and Erik (Heather) Young of Kankakee; two brothers, James (Marcia) Rees of Overland Park, Kansas and Eddie Rees of Evansville, Illinois; half-sister Lorene Wheeler of Belleville, Illinois; Six grandchildren, Jackie Camp, Kristen (Mike) Ontiveros, and Joshua Young all of Texas, and Quincy Young of Fort Collins, CO, Adelaide Young and Milo Young of Kankakee; two great grandchildren, Alana and Jacob Ontiveros.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and twin daughters, Laurie and Leslie Young in 1968.

Laura was a long-time member of College Church of the Nazarene in Bourbonnais. She was a member of the Great Books Club, Minerva, Lyric and

Travel, and Friends of the Public Library (Bourbonnais). Laura was an elementary school teacher for 38 years, teaching in Limestone and Bourbonnais school districts as well as in Ohio and Texas.

Visitation will be from 4-7pm Friday, Jan. 5 at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. Funeral service will be held at College Church of the Nazarene, Saturday, Jan 6. At 3pm. Pastor Mark Quanstrom will officiate.

Memorials may be made to the Ovid Young Memorial Organ Recital Series at Olivet Nazarene University.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens of Memory

1000 N Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 6. 3:00 PM (CT)

College Church of the Nazarene
200 University Ave
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-7749

Tribute Wall

MS

“*Laura was a wonderful friend and sweet lady. I will miss her.*
Marjorie Schrock”

Marjorie Schrock - January 06, 2024 at 11:21 AM

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“*To the family of Laura Young, please accept our sincere condolences in the loss of this lovely woman. My parents, Ken and Charline Hawkins, first introduced us to Ovid and Laura almost thirty years ago. While we knew Ovid more intimately, we have lovely memories of being in Laura's company many times. She will be greatly missed by her many friends. May God hold the family in his loving and comforting arms now and in the days ahead. Cheryl (Hawkins) and Mike McClain*”

Cheryl McClain - January 03, 2024 at 07:04 PM

MJ

“*Laura was my first cousin and the Matriarch of the Jones side of our family. I have known her all of my life and treasure the memories of the close ties we've had, especially over the last decade or so as we've joined our other first cousins on days of “togetherness” and travel. As my husband and I have missed Ovid and another cousin, Ed Roarick, who have gone from us to Heaven, we already miss Laura and the fun and spiritually enriching times we shared. May her example of Christian living longer on and on and help to insure that our family circle will be unbroken when we see Jesus.*”

Mary Sue Jackson - January 03, 2024 at 12:25 PM



“ I first met Laura Rees when I was about 10 years old thru the Illinois District Church of the Nazarene. Her family was friends with my grandparents. Next we met again at Olivet Nazarene College after she had married Ovid Young. What a great couple! I have many many memories of being with them, including great shenanigans. Stayed in touch with her and very thankful for that. Miss her so much. - Linda Moore Johnson

Linda Johnson - January 02, 2024 at 04:07 PM

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Laura and Ovid were great friends and a constant inspiration to me when I attended Olivet 1962-66 and then taught in the music department 1966-67. They invited me into their home several times, where laughter and interesting conversation were prevalent. Laura was always the gracious host and so supportive of those with whom she came in contact. I was privileged to know her. Love and condolences to the Rees and Young families. ~Bonnie (jackson) Garrett, Portland, Oregon

Bonnie Garrett - January 12, 2024 at 08:27 PM