



## Miriam J. High

April 26, 1935 - March 18, 2016

Miriam J. High, 80 of Kankakee and formerly of Momence, died Friday March 18th at Miller Healthcare. She was born April 26, 1935 in Watseka, IL to George and Irene (Meints) Booi. She married Vern C. High Jan. 23, 1955 at St Paul Lutheran Church in Kankakee. He died Oct 4, 2015.

Miriam was a secretary for F.R. ORR grain elevator for over 20 years. She was also a homemaker and loving farm wife. She enjoyed antiquing with her husband Vern and was an excellent seamstress. Miriam was a longtime member of St Paul's Lutheran Church and she formerly played the piano and organ for Our Savior Lutheran Church in Momence. She was well known for her homemade horseradish sauce.

Survivors include her sister and brother in law, Marilyn (Lee) Janssen of Momence, her brother and 2 sisters in law; Myron "Bud" (Nancy) Booi of Bradley and Phyllis Booi of Momence. She is also survived by a son in law Chris Schaves of St Louis, MO and numerous nieces and nephews.

Miriam was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter Melissa Schaves, grandchild Gwyneth Amelia Schaves and a brother Marvin Booi.

There will be a visitation from 10AM to 11AM Tuesday March 22, 2016 at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Kankakee followed by an 11AM funeral service officiated by Rev. Karl Koeppen. Burial will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family's wishes. Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Please sign her guest book at [www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
348 E. Merchant St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

## Funeral Service

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
348 E. Merchant St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall



“ *Miriam J. High*

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February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *I didn't know Miriam or Vern very well - I wish I had. I only know what a wonderful example they were for others. They had so much heartache in their lives, but never complained, and always had a smile. Miriam once said to me that others had more problems than she. My sincere sympathies to the family. Miriam is missed but will not be forgotten.*

*Jenora Demers*

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**Jenora Demers** - March 23, 2016 at 01:58 PM



“ *My Gram, Marion, was a room mate of Miriam's at Miller this past fall. My daughter and her classmates from Kankakee Trinity Academy so enjoyed bringing gifts and singing to Miriam over this past year. She was a very sweet soul.*

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**Angela Furgal** - March 22, 2016 at 12:40 PM



“ *Miriam and Vern were the best neighbors ever. They will both be missed tremendously. We had the privilege of being neighbors for over forty years. You could not have asked for better people. Our sympathy to the family and friends.*

*Dave and Janice Hess*

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**Dave Hess** - March 21, 2016 at 06:57 PM

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“ *HOW VERY SOFTLY YOU TIP TOED INTO OUR WORLD  
ALMOST SILENTLY. BUT WHAT AN IMPRINT YOUR  
FOOTSTEPS HAVE LEFT UPON OUR HEARTS.*

*OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS*

*BOB AND JUDY HNTZE*

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**BOB AND JUDY HINTZE** - March 21, 2016 at 01:00 PM