



Jean Blankenbaker

November 18, 1927 - June 21, 2019

Jean Blankenbaker, age 91, of Naperville, formerly of DeMotte, Indiana passed away Friday, June 21, 2019 at Tabor Hills Healthcare Facility Home in Naperville, Illinois. Jean was born in Freeland Park, Benton County, Indiana on November 18, 1927 to Jacob C. and Christine (Werkman) Schuringa, both deceased. Jean resided in DeMotte for 58 years before moving to Naperville, IL.

She graduated from DeMotte High School, Class of 1946. Jean married LaVern "Vern" Blankenbaker on November 20, 1947. After 52 loving years together, he preceded her in death on December 7, 1999. Jean was co-owner of the DeMotte Hardware Store, with her husband, for 25 years. She previously worked, along Vern, at Vern's Dairy for 8 years, and H.C. DeKock & Sons grocery store for 2 years. She was a member of the American Reformed Church and A.R.C. Ladies Hope Circle and a past Sunday school teacher. Jean enjoyed gardening and rock collecting.

Jean is survived by her loving children: Larry (Mary) Blankenbaker of Galena, IL; Mick (Lynette) Blankenbaker of Naperville, IL; Barb (Marty) Kaluf of Wheatfield, IN; Karen (Mike) Howard of Wheatfield, IN; 13 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, 1 great great-grandson, with another great great-grandchild on the way; nieces and nephews.

Jean is preceded in death by her parents, husband, 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

Friends may call at the Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 from 3:00 - 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be held at American Reformed Church of DeMotte on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 10:30 AM with Pastor Larry Dean Schuringa officiating. Interment will follow at Holland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery
DeMotte, IN 46310

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 26. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte
200 3rd Street, SW
P.O. Box 681
DeMotte, IN 46310
(219) 987-5300
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

JUN 27. 10:30 AM (CT)

American Reformed Church
1021 S. Halleck St.
DeMotte, IN

Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Jean Blankenbaker



Jackson Funeral Chapels - June 25, 2019 at 05:20 PM

PB

did not have the pleasure of knowing Jean, the great person Barb is she most have been a beautiful person and loving mom

Pam Butler - June 25, 2019 at 08:44 PM

DH

“ Trish and I send our thoughts and prayers to the family. The Blankenbaker family have given us many memories of what a great family is." Thy kingdom come thy will be done "

dale hamacher - June 27, 2019 at 11:28 AM

RS

“ My condolences to Jean's family. Seeing all the family pictures reminds me of the families who lived on W. Division Rd when Vern and Jean did and the many memories we have of those years.

Ruth Swart

Ruth Swart - June 26, 2019 at 05:51 PM



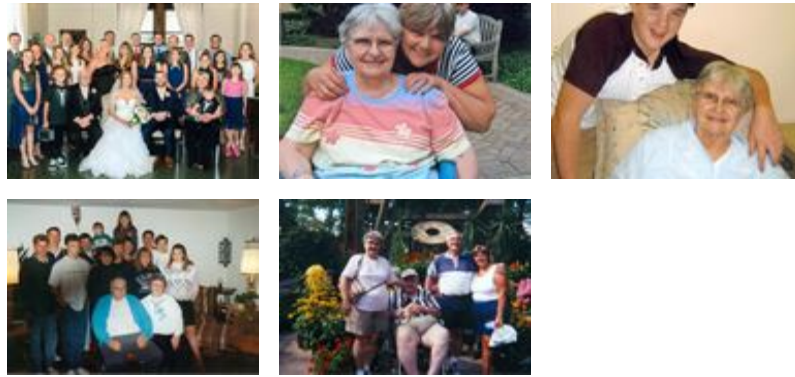
“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Jean Blankenbaker.



June 25, 2019 at 05:15 PM



“ 8 files added to the album Life Tributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - June 25, 2019 at 08:16 AM



“ 59 files added to the album Life Tributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - June 24, 2019 at 09:55 AM



“ Jean and Vern were wonderful people. I have memories from going in the store.



Carol Woudema - June 23, 2019 at 11:24 AM

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“ My first job was working for Jean and Vern at the hardware. I was 14 1/2 when I started there and were with them for 4 years. I could not have asked for more wonderful people to work for! They were absolutely the best! They were both like 2nd parents to me and taught me so much! Jean was so patient and encouraging as I learned the hardware business and taught me so much as did Vern. I only have great memories from the hardware and will be forever grateful they gave me the opportunity to work for them. Rest in peace, Jean and give Vern a hug for me!! Lori Homeier-Snyder

Lori - June 22, 2019 at 10:51 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Jean Blankenbaker.



June 21, 2019 at 03:27 PM