



## Beverley Jean (Shada) Duryea

February 10, 1935 - April 18, 2023

Beverley Jean (Shada) Duryea, 88, of Dixon, IL, went to the embrace of her Lord, Tuesday April 18, 2023. Beloved husband Leo was there to welcome her. Born on February 10, 1935, in Hastings, NE, the youngest of five children of Casper and Margaret (Hydar) Shada, Bev grew up in Fremont, NE and graduated from Fremont High School in 1953. She gained a degree in nursing from the Methodist School of Nursing in Omaha, and chose to go to Chicago to begin work. The first half of her career was in psychiatric nursing, at Hines VA and Rivers Edge. She was Head Nurse at MacNeal Memorial Hospital, and later became Director of Nursing at Baptist Retirement Home in Maywood, and Oakridge Convalescent Home in Hillside. She retired in 1990. Beverley met Leo Duryea around 1957 at the Maywood VFW; he'd served in Korea. They married in Omaha, NE in January of 1959 and were almost inseparable for 56 years. They raised two sons in Maywood next door to Leo's parents. After living for several years in Lombard, they chose to finally settle in Dixon. Leo passed in 2015; Bev was preceded in death by her husband and all of her siblings. Bev and Leo were dedicated to their faith and their church, wherever they attended, the latest being Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Dixon. An outstanding cook in many cuisines, Bev cherished her Lebanese heritage by making the dishes her ancestors did. Her wide-ranging Lebanese family in Nebraska will miss her at the big annual family reunion. Beverley is survived by two sons, Robert (wife Marci) of Glen Ellyn, IL, and William of Palatine, IL; one granddaughter, Emilie; first cousins Pat Carr, Marlene

Walsworth, Gene Blackney and Kay Isaac; and a number of beloved nieces and nephews. Her dog Pillsbury was her constant companion in her home on the bank of the Rock River. There will be a visitation on Saturday April 29, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Dixon. Services will be on Saturday April 29, 2023 at 12:00 PM at Christ our Savior Church in Dixon. Arrangements handled by Jones Funeral Home in Dixon. Memorial donations to the family will be given to Christ Our Savior to support the good work they do.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **29**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church  
2035 IL Rt 26  
Dixon, IL 61021

## Service

APR **29**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beverley Jean (Shada) Duryea*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Beverley Jean (Shada) Duryea.*



April 28, 2023 at 02:20 PM



“ *We met Beverly when we moved in above her. She was so kind as we were very loud during our remodel. She came up to visit with us once we got our stair rail reinstalled and she was a delight. What an impressive woman. Sally and I enjoyed the stories she told us about her life. The world is dimmer today without Beverly in it. I know she will be watching down on all of us she cared for. We will miss her greatly when we are in Dixon. We were so looking forward to getting to spend more time with her. Prayers for her family including Pillsbury.*

**Charlene Barnes** - April 28, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Beverley Jean (Shada) Duryea.*



April 27, 2023 at 01:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Beverley Jean (Shada) Duryea.*



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April 25, 2023 at 07:33 PM



“ *Oh, I could pray a thousand prayers in honor of you Auntie Bev ... your obituary says much...what an accomplished woman you were, and in that time period no less!  
I'll miss you terribly - who I've bonded with since I was little bitty - rolling grape leaves side by side with your sisters and my grandma Flossie. Our last Lebanese matriarch from that generation of our Hydar lineage. I traveled to Dixon to visit with you just last week, and I'm so very grateful I recognized the urgency.  
Much love, "Auntie Bev" and when I see you again I will know you*



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**kristi ward** - April 25, 2023 at 07:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Beverley Jean (Shada) Duryea.*



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April 25, 2023 at 06:17 PM

TB

“ Tim and Cindy Burns purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Beverley Jean (Shada) Duryea.



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**Tim and Cindy Burns** - April 23, 2023 at 07:03 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beverley Jean (Shada) Duryea.



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April 22, 2023 at 07:48 PM

BS

“ Bill, Beverley’s younger son, is my dear friend and neighbor. I was blessed to share a wonderful breakfast with her, Bill and our other dear friend, Karen Schneider. Beverley was so sweet and so engaging. Since I have terrible nails, I also noticed how pretty hers were.

*I am so impressed with how close she was to her extended family. I have seen pictures of the yearly family reunion- what a joyful celebration it was.*

*I so look forward to seeing her again in Heaven. I know Jesus said to her, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”*

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**Brenda Schmid** - April 22, 2023 at 11:23 AM