



Clara Mae Burke

May 30, 1912 - February 28, 2014

Clara M. Burke, of Franklin Grove, IL, age 101, passed away Friday, February 28, 2014, at KSB Hospital surrounded by her family. She was born May 30, 1912 in Amboy, IL, the daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Minnie Louise (Ebert) Chesley.

Clara was previously employed at Freeman's Shoe Factory, Brady's Village, and owned two restaurants, Zimmer's and Klara's Kitchen. She especially enjoyed fishing, dancing, playing cards, and being with her friends and family. She married Richard Sondgeroth June 26, 1929, in Amboy, and he preceded her in death November 6, 1974. She married John "Jack" Burke August 28, 1981, in Ottawa, IL, and he preceded her in death February 20, 2005. She was also preceded in death by a son, Robert Sondgeroth; sisters, Pearl Wentling and Hazel Chesley, brothers, Benjamin, George, Charles, Lawrence and Percy Chesley; sons-in-law, William Boyle and John Carlson, and stepson-in-law, James Trotter.

She is survived by her daughter, Judith Carlson, daughter-in-law, Verna Sondgeroth, stepchildren, Linda (Robert) Swim, Sharon Trotter, Jacqueline (William) Brooks, Charles (Mary) Burke and John (Deb) Burke, Jr.; grandchildren, Connie (Rick) Lavanway, Robert (Lucy) Sondgeroth, Cathy Warren, Michelle (Rick) Kethcart, Beverly (Michael) Simas, Carol Strohecker, and Janie Boyle, 11 step grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, 16 step great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren, 2 step great-great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, beginning with a 10:00 a.m. prayer service at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy followed by a 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy with the Rev. Msgr. Thomas Bales officiating. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Visitation will be held on Monday, March 3, 2014 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a scripture service at 7:30 p.m. and on Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home. A memorial has been established.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mihm-Jones Funeral Home, Amboy
303 East Main Street
Amboy, IL 61310
(815) 857-2611
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Service

MAR 4. 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy
816 Rockyford Rd
Amboy, IL 61310

Tribute Wall



“ *Clara Mae Burke*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Clara Mae Burke*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Judy,*

You have my deepest sympathy at the loss of your mother. Mothers are always special - may your great memories and the love of our blessed God lift you up at this time and in the days to come.

Gary Cater

Gary Cater - March 06, 2014 at 12:17 AM



“ *We met Clare through my Mother, Marcea Nelson. They were friends. I remember going to one of her Birthday parties in Batavia, IL. She was a sweet lady and my mother and her had a lot of phone calls with each other. My mother has fond memories of all of them. She wishes she could attend the funeral but her walking ability is not as good as it once was. Our sympathies go out to her family and we will cherish our memories of Clare. God Bless. Gary Maves*

Gary and Tedi Maves - March 03, 2014 at 07:57 PM

GM

“ Gary And Tedi Maves lit a candle in memory of Clara Mae Burke



Gary and Tedi Maves - March 03, 2014 at 07:48 PM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Clara Mae Burke.



March 03, 2014 at 09:41 AM



“ Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Clara Mae Burke.



March 03, 2014 at 09:32 AM

JB

“ Dear Judy , Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to you and all Clara's family. May she now rest in God's Eternal Peace. Jim and Marilyn Braid

Jim and Marilyn Braid - March 02, 2014 at 10:43 AM

JB

“ *Jim And Marilyn Braid* lit a candle in memory of Clara Mae Burke



Jim and Marilyn Braid - March 01, 2014 at 06:25 PM

SB

Dear Judy and family, Just read the news of Aunt Clara's passing. I have such fond memories of Aunt Clara as I was growing up and later we used to see her at Sip and Snack in Mendota. Always enjoyed talking to her. She lived a great long life. My thoughts are with you,
Sharon Miller Brockwell

Sharon Brockwell - March 04, 2014 at 12:59 PM