



Mearl Dene Blackburn

March 21, 1936 - June 3, 2017

Mearl D. Blackburn, age 81, of Dixon, died Saturday, June 3, 2017, at Liberty Court in Dixon. She was born March 21, 1936, in Minturn, AR, the daughter of William and Pearl (Hutsell) Kissee.

While she loved the years she worked as an LPN, she was extremely domesticated as home life was her heart. Mearl was fondly thought of as "Grandma Chicken" by her many grand children and great grand children due to the many chickens and animals she had over the years. She was very masterful at many things such as gardening, baking, and quilting. She will also be remembered for the most wonderful pies she always had ready to eat.

Mearl had a babysitting service and day care from 1963-1972. After graduating from SVCC LPN program, she worked as an LPN from 1973-1975 at Franklin Grove Heath Care Center, then from 1975-1978 at Lee County Nursing Home, then the Dixon State School from 1979-1982 and Neighbors in Byron in 1983 and 1984. She also worked as a Private Nurse for families. She married Joseph L. Blackburn December 5, 1985 in Dixon. He preceded her in death February 14, 2012. She was also preceded in death by 2 brothers Jay and Neil Kissee.

Survivors include her children April (Ted) Bellini-Parsons of Albuquerque, NM, Susan (Marty) Meusel of Dixon, Brian (Leann) Bellini of Dixon, Brad Bellini, and Jeff (Yepi) Bellini of Honolulu, HI; 7 grandchildren Stacey, Shawn, Scott, Travis, Melissa, Alli, and Jino; several great-grandchildren; 4 sisters Ruth Whitmire, Joann Ehrman, Alice (Lavelle) Anglin, all of Arkansas and Kathrine

Bierley of Iowa; 2 brothers Robert (Sandy) Kissee of Nachusa and Phil (Connie) Kissee of Arkansas.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2017, beginning with a 10:00 AM Prayer service in the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 AM in St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon with the Rev. Keith Romke officiating. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 7, from 4:00 until 7:00 PM with a scripture service at 7 PM in the funeral home. A memorial has been established to Liberty Court.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon
204 South Ottawa
Dixon, IL 61021
Ph: 815-288-2241
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Service

JUN 8. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon
612 S. Highland Ave.
Dixon, IL 61021
(815) 284-7719
office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net
<http://www.stpatrickdixon.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mearl Dene Blackburn*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Mearl Dene Blackburn*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mearl Dene Blackburn.*



June 05, 2017 at 01:06 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*



Dan and Dee Floto - June 05, 2017 at 08:31 AM