



## Sylvia E Montavon

September 17, 1940 - November 3, 2023

Sylvia E. Montavon age 83 of Dixon passed away on Friday Nov. 3, 2023 at Liberty Court in Dixon. She was born on Sept. 17, 1940 in Amboy, IL the daughter of Albert and Agnes (Walter) Montavon. Sylvia worked as the activity director at Colonial Village in Princeton and was the administrator at the Village Inn, Lee County Nursing Home, Heritage Square all in Dixon and also taught school at St. Mary Catholic School in Sterling. She was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Dixon, Dixon Rotary Club where she was the first female member and first female president, Habitat for Humanity, Lee County 4H, Lee County Young Democrats, the Amboy Evening Womens Club, Amboy Catholic Womens Club, and was named Dixon Citizen of the year in 2004. She was also the Amboy City Clerk from 1965 to 1973, a Lee County Master Gardner, and was a member and past president of the KSB Board of Directors. Sylvia is preceded in death by her parents, sister Angela (Jim) Leibold, brother Alvin (Joanne) Montavon, and one nephew Michael Montavon. She is survived by her brother Virgil (Sue) Montavon, nieces and nephews Karen (Montavon) Henkel, Janice (Montavon) Bennett, Marty Montavon, Bill Montavon, Mary (Montavon) Parla, Scott Montavon, Rob Montavon, Jay Leibold, Anne Leibold, Rob Leibold, Liz (Leibold) Schnackenberg and many great nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be on Wednesday Nov. 8, 2023 starting at the funeral home at 10:00 AM and processing to church for a funeral mass at 10:30 AM at St. Anne Catholic Church in Dixon. Burial will follow at St. Patrick Cemetery in Maytown.

Visitation will be on Tuesday Nov. 7, 2023 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon. Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon. A memorial has be established to Dixon Habitat for Humanity.

# Cemetery Details

## St Patrick Cemetery Maytown

1376 Maytown Rd  
Amboy, IL 61310

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

NOV 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

St Anne's Catholic Church  
1104 N Brinton Ave  
Dixon, IL 61021-1297  
(815) 288-3131

# Tribute Wall

KH

“ *Sylvia was my absolutely favorite teacher at St. Mary’s School back in ‘60s!* ”

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**Kevin Hughes** - March 07, 2024 at 08:21 AM

KA

“ *I worked with Sylvia at Heritage Square I was the weekend receptionist from 2001-2009 she was the most wonderful boss and I really enjoyed her company. Sending hugs and prayers out to her family. She will be sorely missed.* ”

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**Kelly Allen** - November 11, 2023 at 01:30 PM

JL

“ *Sylvia was the most wonderful aunt. We bubbled with delight when we knew she was going to visit. She was so much fun and always a joy to be around. She was warm-hearted and generous and always had wonderful things to tell us, like how much she loved the blue sky in Colorado. A ray of sunshine herself, we will miss her.* ”

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**Jay, Anne, Rob and Liz** - November 09, 2023 at 09:44 PM

KF

“ Miss Montavon was my 4th grade teacher at St. Mary's School in Sterling. At a time when many teachers were older nuns, she was a young woman who wore cool clothes and was energetic and inspiring. As an adult, I too became a teacher and worked at public and parochial schools in the US and in international schools in Berlin and Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

*Via this obituary, I learned that not only was Miss Montavon a teacher but a real civic leader.*

*Sympathy to the family and peace to Miss Montavon as she joins the Communion of Saints with our Lord.*

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**Kim Koehler Freitag** - November 08, 2023 at 10:29 AM

JJ

“ She was my third grade teacher at St. Mary's. She was wonderful, I think of her often.

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**Julia Jones** - November 06, 2023 at 09:38 PM

ML

“ Treasured memories from throughout my life, whether gathering eggs with her on the farm, watching her and her mom cooking on a wood-burning stove, attending family reunions through the years, or much more recently (pre-Covid) visiting with her in Dixon after I attended various Galena Trail meetings. Also recall her organizing a trip from Dixon to Peoria to see Mark Grace as manager of the Cubs affiliate here. She had brought lots of things for him to autograph for charitable auctions in Dixon. Go Cubs!

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**Marilyn Voss Leyland** - November 06, 2023 at 04:33 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sylvia E Montavon.*



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November 06, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ *What a lovely person Sylvia was! Always helping everyone, just as God meant us to do! Rest now in peace.*

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**Fay Faivre Obergfell** - November 06, 2023 at 08:31 AM



“ *Sylvia was special. She was so very thoughtful and would send hand written notes expressing recognition of accomplishments or service. They meant so much when received.*

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**Teresa Brunick** - November 05, 2023 at 08:54 PM



“ *Virgil and Sue, always remember Sylvia with her beautiful smile. She was friendly to all.  
Sue Barlow Vilmont*

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**Sue Vilmont** - November 05, 2023 at 04:23 PM