



Gretchen Ione Gadbois

August 5, 1930 - August 3, 2013

Gretchen Ione Gadbois
(nee Warren)

Age 82, a lifelong Essex resident passed away Saturday, August 3, 2013 at Our Lady of Victory in Bourbonnais, IL. Born August 5, 1930 in Kankakee, IL to the late Orville and Hazel (nee Genshaw) Warren. Married Eugene Gadbois on August 16, 1958, he survives in Essex.

Also surviving are her children, Hazel Maguire of Essex, Genelle (Jeff) Habedank of Aroma Park, IL, and Richard (Mary Jo) Gadbois of Zachary, LA; eight grandchildren, Amber (Matt) McCue, Jill Schultz, Maura Maguire, Samuel Habedank, Hannah Gadbois, Luke Gadbois, Nick Gadbois, and Julius Koo; two great grandchildren, Lilly and Audry McCue; brother, Byron Warren of Manteno; sister, Mary (Duane) Krieg of Buckingham, IL; brothers-in-law, Lloyd (Peg) Gadbois of Bradley and Ken (Beverly) Gadbois of CO; sister-in-law, Mae Briggs of Elkhart, IN; and nieces and nephews.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Funeral services will be Wednesday, August 7, from the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., Braidwood Chapel leaving at 10:30 a.m. proceeding to Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood for committal services at 11:00 a.m. Immediately following will be a fellowship memorial gathering at Ray's Ranch House in Essex, IL for all family and friends including those unable to attend services.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in her name may be directed to the Essex United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.
Elwood, IL 60421

Tribute Wall



“ *RIP Gretchen.*

Donna and Terry Myers

Terry Myers - August 07, 2013 at 03:50 PM



“ Love this woman! I'm so lucky to have her as my Grandma. She spoiled us rotten and loved us beyond belief.

She's my fondest memory of any Friday nights. We'd watch all sorts of television dramas together at her place and even when we were in Saudi, she'd send us tapes of the TGIF line up so we could watch it from afar too.

Grandma often snuck us money for whatever - a \$20 here and there - even when Grandpa said he "didn't have any" ;). I loved being able to walk up to their place after working late on the weekends in Middle School and High School in one of downtown Essex's fabulous restaurants. They were always waiting up for me to make sure I made it and to see if I needed anything when I got there.

There wasn't a person she didn't know that she didn't worry about at one point or another. Her big heart, her bubbly spirit, and her natural tendency be concerned for others no matter what she was going through herself are incomparable.

As Pam Silvey said earlier this week :: I can hear the angels singing and she is the lead soprano.

I'm grateful and feel lucky to have her looking out for us from a better place today.

Thanks to everyone who has been a part of her life - I look forward to seeing your stories virtually today since I won't be there to celebrate her life in person.

Amber McCue - August 07, 2013 at 08:16 AM



“ *I still hear your beautiful voice singing, grandma. I'll love you and your heart of gold forever.*

Jill Schultz - August 07, 2013 at 07:35 AM

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“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I will always remember her saying "hello dolly" I loved her like a mom and am truly sad to hear of her passing. However, I am sure she is dancing in heaven with the angels. Love to you all and our prayers are with you. Brenda (LaGrange) Lowery and family.*

Brenda Lowery - August 06, 2013 at 06:10 PM