



Jo Ellen Gyorkos

February 6, 1939 - December 24, 2025

Jo Ellen Gyorkos

(née Babka)

Age 86, of Essex, IL, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 24, 2025.

Jo Ellen was born on February 6, 1939, in Essex, IL, to Stanley J. and Anna (née Benda) Babka. On August 10, 1963, she married Louis Gyorkos at the Bonfield United Methodist Church.

Jo Ellen worked for many years as an automotive bookkeeper in Kankakee and Park Ridge, IL. She was also employed at the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant and later with the United States Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency in Bourbonnais. In her free time, she enjoyed gardening, canning, raising poultry, and creating useful and beautiful items from castoffs.

She is survived by her nieces, Elizabeth (John) Skoryi and Jeanette (David) Hill; her nephew, Charles Rink; three grand-nephews; and cousins, Bonnie Benda Vetter and Joseph Benda, along with their children and grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis, in 1990; her parents; her brother, William Babka; and her sister, Anna Rink.

Cremation rites have been accorded and entrusted to R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory in Braidwood, IL. A private burial will take place at a later date.

For more information and to visit Jo Ellen's online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.

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Bonnie Vetter - January 01 at 07:05 PM

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“ *JoEllen was such a wonderful neighbor and friend. I will always cherish the memories of the first three laying hens she gave me, the times she cared for my horse while we were on vacation, and all the captivating stories she shared. Your kindness and spirit will be sincerely missed.*

Susan - January 01 at 04:03 PM

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