



Verna K. Moret

January 9, 1933 - February 26, 2014

Verna K. Moret
(nee Kroese)

Age 81, of Essex, IL, passed away from esophageal cancer on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at the Joliet Area Community Hospice Home in Joliet, IL. Verna was born January 9, 1933 in Hull, Iowa. She was the second of four children born to the late William and Minnie (nee TeSlaa) Kroese. She was educated in Hull and graduated from Western Christian High with the Class of 1950. Upon her graduation, she worked at Northwestern Bell in Hull. She married Leroy James "Bud" Moret December 8, 1952 at the Christian Reformed Church in Hull while he was on leave from the USAF, having returned from Korea. Together, they made their home at Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, WY and later at Williams Air Force Base in Chandler, AZ. They celebrated the birth of their first child, James Allan, in 1953. Following Bud's honorable discharge from the USAF, they returned to Iowa to work and raise their family. They soon welcomed two daughters, Kathy Rae in 1955, and Charita Lynn in 1958. Bud drove truck, farmed and was instrumental in building a dehydrating plant in Sheldon while Verna worked for Northwestern Bell in Sheldon. In 1964, they moved their family to Nebraska where Bud became Assistant Manager at the dehydrating plant in Lexington and Verna continued her career at Northwestern Bell. Shortly thereafter, Bud was retained to get a dehydrating plant up and running in Winside, NE. While living

in Winside, they were blessed with another daughter, Mary Kaye, in 1964. Upon completion of the Winside plant in 1965, they moved their family to Custer Park, IL at which time Bud became the manager of Prairie Creek Farms dehydrating plant in Elwood, IL. The day after their move to Illinois, Bud and Verna suffered the loss of their daughter, Mary, at the age of two months, from meningococemia. Bud and Verna were soon blessed with another son, Steven Jay in 1966. The following year, their son, James, 13, died from injuries suffered in a farm equipment accident. Two years later, in 1969, Bud passed away at the age of 36 from a short bout with pancreatic cancer. Following his death, Verna pursued a degree in accounting.

Verna graduated from Joliet Junior College in 1972 with an Associate in Applied Science Degree and continued on to earn a Bachelor's Degree with a Major in Accounting on January 20, 1974 from Lewis University in Lockport, IL. She attained high honors for each year of study at both institutions, all the while, raising three young children at home. Upon her graduation, she was recruited by Northern Illinois Gas Company in Aurora, IL where she worked her way through the ranks attaining the positions of Division Accountant, Assistant Secretary, General Manager, General Supervisor of Financial Accounting, and Assistant Controller. While working at the gas company, Verna earned her Certified Public Accountant Certificate in May of 1974 and continued on with her education earning a Master of Business Administration Degree in 1978 from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL. That same year, Verna suffered the devastating loss of a third child, Steven, 11, killed by an auto passing the school bus he was deboarding. Three years later, Verna accepted the position of Controller for NICOR Exploration in Denver, CO and lived in Evergreen, CO for next 23 years. Following her retirement from NICOR, she attained her securities and insurance licenses and worked in that field until moving back to Illinois to be near her daughters and their families in 2004. She made her home in Essex, IL.

Verna was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, IL and a former member of the First Presbyterian Church in Evergreen, CO. She had previously served the churches in many capacities, including being a Sunday School teacher and choir member. Verna was a skilled seamstress and quilter. Many family members and friends are the recipients of her intricate, precise work. She enjoyed watching nearly any sport on television but was most interested in political shows and the stock market reports. She thoroughly enjoyed crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, cooking, and playing cards. Her most precious memories were times spent with all the members of her immediate and extended family and friends during their visits to her while living in Colorado and Illinois. Those times were truly special to her.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Roger Patterson of Braidwood, IL and Charita and Dan Dillon of Essex; five grandchildren, Christopher (Christine) Patterson and their children, Alexandria, Isaac and Steven, Sara (Joshua) Foote and their children, Lucas and Mackenzie, Jamie (Konnie) Hinich and their children, Keagan, Hayley and Jelena, Erin Hinich and her daughters, Jasmine and Samantha, and Daniel Dillon; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Hester Hogan of Arlington, WA and Joan and Junior Heitmeyer of Albert Lea, MN; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Nelvina Kroese of Hull, IA, Marv and Wendy Moret of Manketo, MN, Lavonne and Rodney Grooters of Rock Rapids, IA, Max Moret of Sheldon, IA; Nelva and Leroy Rohlf of Boyden, IA, Linda Gurtler-Heiliger of Sheldon, IA, Doris Moret of Wilmington, IL, Cheryl and Ken Bennett of Sioux Falls, SD, Carol Moret of Sheldon, IA, and Marcia and Phil Sietstra of Sioux Falls, SD; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews; cousins; and a host of very dear friends.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Bud; children, James, Mary and Steven; grandson, James Leroy Hinich; her brother, Charles W. Kroese; and

brothers-in-law, Harvey Moret, Ronald "Butch" Moret and Bill Heiliger.

Private funeral services were at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, Braidwood, IL with Rev. Ron Taylor officiating. Interment followed at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood where she was laid to rest with her husband and three children. The pallbearers were Roger Patterson, Dan Dillon, Christopher Patterson, Jamie Hinich, Daniel Dillon, and Joshua Foote. The family prefers those wishing to give a memorial gift in her name direct them to the First Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, the Joliet Area Community Hospice Home or to a fund or charity of the donor's choice.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory
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Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Service

FEB **28**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ R W Patterson Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Verna K. Moret



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - July 24, 2014 at 07:58 PM

JS

“ Roger & Kathy, I was very sorry to learn about Verna's passing. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you & your family



Janice Studer - March 18, 2014 at 06:37 PM

RF

“ Kathy/Roger:

Please accept our sympathy, sorry we can't express it in person. God be with you. Ralph/Natalene (Cima) Ferrari

Ralph/Natalene Ferrari - March 11, 2014 at 11:54 PM

DV

“ My condolences to your family. Anyone that ever came into contact with your mother has a fond memory of her . She will be missed and always remembered by everyone that ever knew her. My thoughts are with you family.



Dolores (Gray) Verschoore - March 08, 2014 at 04:16 PM

GR

“ So sorry to read of Vernas passing. Please accept my sincere condolences. May she rest in peace.

Gerry Residori - March 02, 2014 at 10:13 AM

BP

“ We are so sorry about Verna's passing and you have our deepest sympathy. She will be missed by many people.

Bill and Marion Pollack
LaVonne Pollack

Bill and Marion Pollack - March 01, 2014 at 04:25 PM

KA

“ *In Memory Of My Beloved Mother*

MOTHER

*She traveled the journey before you
She has know all the cost of the way;
She paid out the price to its fullness,
The Motherhood only can pay.*

*She loved when the world was against you
She hoped - when your hope sank and died;
She clung to your hand when the clinging
Left scars in her heart, deep and wide.*

*She labored - and loved - and was happy,
For down deep in her kind heart she knew
Your kindness and love would repay her
For all the she did - just for you.*

I love you mom.

Kathy

Kathy - March 01, 2014 at 10:51 AM

JK

“ *I will never forget the family reunion at her Colorado home. We had some wonderful conversations that I will never forget. She was great to talk to. It was beautiful there, we slept out on the deck underneath the stars. I was amazed we all fit there! She will be missed.*

Joel Kroese - March 01, 2014 at 08:53 AM

LB

“ Sending our sincere sympathy for your loss. You will all be in our prayers.

Larry & Lynn Bettendorf

Lynn Bettendorf - February 28, 2014 at 03:51 PM

TF

“ Grandma Verna's memories will be cherrished by many for years to come. Our deepest sympathies to a wonderful family.

The Masquida Family - February 28, 2014 at 03:00 PM

EM

“ Our deepest sympathies to your family. May she rest in peace.

Ed and Pat Malcom - February 27, 2014 at 05:27 PM