



Ellen M. Van Demerkt

October 1, 1934 - December 24, 2019

Ellen Mary Van Demerkt, 85, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019 at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was born Oct. 1, 1934 in Lincolnwood, IL, was a former 50 year resident of Lincolnshire, living in Saddlebrook Farms in Grayslake for the past 6 years. She was a former member of St. Mary of Vernon Parish and a current member of St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish in Mundelein. Ellen had been a member of the Stevenson High School Board, had been a Scout leader and Den Mother, Softball Coach, reporter for the Vernon Town Crier and owner of the Red Apple Store in Half Day. She was also the Vernon Township Senior Citizen Coordinator. Ellen will be deeply missed by all who were lucky enough to know her. She was a great storyteller and had a unique way of connecting with everyone she met.

Surviving are her loving husband of 65 years, Raymond Van Demerkt; 2 children, Steve (Catherine) Van Demerkt and Nancie (Michael) Hart; 2 grandchildren, Danny and Erin and her brother Michael Coleman and son-in-law Michael Shirley. Also surviving are her dear friends, Dee, Dodie, Dottie, Tealie and Doris.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Betsy Shirley, Sister-in-law, Carol Coleman, her parents, Bernard and Nellie Coleman and sisters, Geraldine and Bernelle and brother Thomas.

Visitation will be from 2 pm until 6 pm on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. Her funeral service will be held at 4 pm Saturday, during the visitation with Father Joseph Curtis, officiating. Interment will be at St. Peter Cemetery in Skokie. Memorial contributions can be made to the DAV, Disabled American Veterans. Info: 847-362-3009 or please share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 28. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Funeral Service

DEC 28. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ellen M. Van Demerkt.*



December 27, 2019 at 05:04 PM



“ *All our love, Patrick and Betsy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ellen M. Van Demerkt.*



All our love, Patrick and Betsy - December 27, 2019 at 12:29 PM



“ *It's always the Aunts that provide unconditional love. I was fortunate enough to have Aunt Ellen and Aunt Carol in my life. Family events were so fun. I've told the story of having Thanksgiving at Grandma's apartment so many times, it has worn through... Around 1968, we were at Grandma's and Nellie was trying to make turkey dinner for 15 people in her one bedroom apartment in Niles. The young cousins (me, Betsy, and Jimmy) were melting down in her 105 degree living room. The bird had been cooking for 4 hours. Around 10:00 p.m. Ellen checks the oven temperature and she sees the oven is set at 150 degrees. It's all hands on deck. Dad, Uncle Mike and Uncle Ray pull the turkey out of the oven and begin carving the raw bird and frying the slices in a black cast iron skillet. All the Moms pitch in we end up eating around midnight. It's the last time we eat at Grandma's. Except for the heat stroke and salmonella, it was a really fun night. Anyhow, Aunt Ellen always made time to take me aside and have honest, substantive conversations with a beginning, middle, and end. I will miss you Ellen. Thanks for all the love.*

Dan Thompson - December 27, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellen M. Van Demerkt.*



December 26, 2019 at 05:17 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ellen M. Van Demerkt.*



December 26, 2019 at 04:48 PM



“ *Robert and Karen Hart and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ellen M. Van Demerkt.*



Robert and Karen Hart and Family - December 26, 2019 at 11:18 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about your mom! I remember her with a strong personality, as well as having a strong love for her family! Remember her with a smile for all the good years! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love, Barb*

barb marshall - December 26, 2019 at 10:30 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ellen M. Van Demerkt.*



December 25, 2019 at 04:44 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ellen M. Van Demerkt.*



December 25, 2019 at 04:24 PM