



Velma J. Brakel

December 12, 1928 - April 2, 2015

Velma Jean Brakel, 86, passed away at Vista Medical Center East in Waukegan, IL on Thursday, April 2, 2015. She was born December 12, 1928 in Battle Creek, MI to Maynard H. Wigent and Henrietta Lotte Wigent and had attended Lakeview High School in Battle Creek and Michigan State University in East Lansing. Velma had been a Libertyville resident since 1963 and was an enthusiastic golfer and genealogist. She was a member of the Libertyville Riverside Ladies League having served on the Board of Directors, the National Association of the Daughters of the American Revolution and served on the Ansel B. Cook Chapter of the D.A.R. She was a genealogy volunteer at Cook Memorial Library helping people to research their family trees. Velma was also a member of the Oregon-California Trails Association and her favorite hobby was doing computer research on the Wigent, Lotte, Brakel and Wooton family histories and also enjoyed photography. Surviving are her 5 children, Lynn (Charles) Chaumont of Mittie, LA, Paul (Janet Severinsen) Brakel of Lindenhurst, IL, Ann Rooney of Kingman, AZ, Bruce (Diana Irwin) Brakel of Waterford, MI and Jon (Becky Beyersdorf) of Wheeling, IL; 10 grandchildren, Francis, Padraic, Sean, Meris, Alida, Claire, Matthew, Kelsey, Kiralyn and Maddisen; a great-granddaughter, Olivia and by her sister, Lois Wigent Hommerding. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gene in 2012, by her daughter, Janice and also by her grandson, Daniel. A visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of services at Noon on Friday, April 10, 2015 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home Ltd., 120 W. Park Ave. (Route 176, one block

west of Milwaukee Ave.), Libertyville. Interment will be at Highland Memorial Park. Memorial contributions can be made to the charity of ones choice.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *This candle is for my sweet mother-in-law, Velma. May she rest in Jesus' arms.*
Janet Brakel

Janet Brakel - April 27, 2018 at 05:31 AM

KB

“ *So sorry to hear of Velma's passing. She made the world a better place. Love to all the Brakels.*

Kate Balasa - April 27, 2018 at 05:31 AM

VB

“ *I will really wish you Velma. Your beautiful smile and your sense of humor. Now you are with Gene. One day we will meet again.*

Voula Burns - April 27, 2018 at 05:31 AM

BS

“ *Sorry for your loss. The Brakel family has been in my prayers all day, wish I could have been there with Randy. Love,*
Beth

beth severinsen - April 27, 2018 at 05:31 AM