



Catherine M. Comerford

July 27, 1924 - September 5, 2011

Catherine Mae (Katie) Comerford, age 87, of Crown Point, IN, passed away September 5th, 2011.

She married Philip Comerford in 1947, who preceded her in death.

She was first a devoted Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. She loved and nurtured her family and will be missed more than words can say. She taught by example and left a wonderful legacy of how to be a great parent and friend. Her children Judy Candiano (Hobart), Patrick (Debra) Comerford (Valparaiso), Mary Jane (David) Lahr (Alabama), Phyllis (James) Polarek (Valparaiso) and Kathleen (Richard) Klimek (Florida) were blessed to be raised by parents who cared and gave selflessly of their time and love.

Catherine will be missed, too, by the Grandchildren who meant the world to her; Brian (Melissa) Comerford, Kevin Comerford, Kylie (Chad) Smith, Lindsey (Jon) Miller, Katie (Zak) Pala, Carolyn (Chris) Michael, Andrew Lahr, Patrick Lahr, Richard Klimek, Jr., Lauren Klimek and James Polarek and Great-Grandchildren Seth, Tristen and Payton Michael, Kelsie Comerford, Cade Comerford, Kellen and Declan Miller and Connor Smith, Andrew James Gilligan.

Katie treated her friends like family and was blessed to have many. Many of

her dearest friendships were made during her very early years of training as RN at St. Mary Mercy School of Nursing. Those who she leaves behind, Mary, Thelma, Ginger, Ruth, Joan and Ethel were more than friends, she considered them her sisters. Following her 20 years as Obstetrical nurse for St. Mary Mercy Hospital, she worked as a School Nurse with Lake County Health Department. She treasured her Pinnacle Club made up of Nurses who loved playing cards, traveling together and watching over each other. In retirement, she was blessed to have wonderful friends who shared her love of bridge, playing regularly in each other's homes.

Born in Duluth, MN, Katie was raised in Gary, Indiana, raised her family in Merrillville, and recently lived in Crown Point. In Merrillville she made dear and lasting friendships with neighbors, especially Jane and Jim Sheeran. She led a life filled with family and friends who will cherish her memory.

Friends may meet with the family on Thursday, September 8, 2011, from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN and on Friday, September 9, 2011, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the St. Anthony Nursing Home Chapel, 203 Franciscan Drive, Crown Point. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Myron Lowisz officiating. Interment at Calvary Cemetery, Portage.

Contributions may be made to the donor's choice of charity.

Tribute Wall



“ To Katie's family,
I was saddened and shocked to learn of Katie's passing. My 3 sister's and I (the Tournai's) found out after all the arrangements were over or we would have been there. Katie was always there for us if we needed her. My mom, Kay, considered Katie her best friend since their time working together as school nurses for the Board of Health. They had so much in common besides work, they lived blocks away from each other, they were both Mercy nurses, members of SS Peter and Paul and they were both "Club" ladies. How they took care of their husbands as they died was even similar. Most importantly, they had fun together, a lot of laughs and a great support system for each other. After my mom's passing nearly 4 years ago, Katie continued that support system to my sisters and I keeping us in the loop on the "Club" ladies that meant so much to our mom. I can still see her pulling up in our driveway to pick mom up for work, or Club or lunch or whatever they were scheming to do next. We will miss our link to that part of my mom's life. Katie was so kind, so caring, always smiling and laughing. She was a wonderful person and I am so glad she touched our lives. My deepest sympathy to her family. I know some of you don't know me, but I feel I know most of you because she loved her family very much and talked about you often.##imported-begin##Sharon (Tournai) Newell##imported-end##

September 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Katie was one of my mom's closest friends. I know the two them are now in heaven playing cards, laughing and talking about the Cubs. My sympathy and prayers to the Comerford family. Your mother was a very special person to my family.##imported-begin##Miriam Tournai##imported-end##

September 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We will miss you! I have wonderful memories of playing with all the kids down in the basement and running around the house. Curt said it all so eloquently above. Prayers for all of the Comerfords.##imported-begin##Kevin Pruitt##imported-end##

September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart was saddened to hear of Katy\'s passing. She has left all of us with such wonderful memories. Her family is a true example of her love and dedication to family and God. You will be deeply missed. My prayers to all of the Comerfords.##imported-begin##Leslie Pruitt##imported-end##

September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ What a loss this is for all of us. Katy, I will miss our talks. You brought a ray of light into all of our lives.##imported-begin##Val Pruitt##imported-end##

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“ *what a loss to the comerford family! dear cousin kaye will be missed by so many....*

left behind, however, is the beautiful garden she has worked so joyfully to nurture and grow into beautiful, loving adults. her legacy continues in the faces and hearts of her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and generations to come.

kaye will bring a loving presence to heaven and phil must be happy to be with her again!

we love you - curt & sue###imported-begin##curt & susan lange pruit###imported-end##

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