



Mrs. Dolores M. Bernau of Pingree Grove

June 30, 1920 - October 7, 2016

Dolores M. Bernau, 96, of Pingree Grove, Illinois

Beloved wife of James Bernau; loving mother of James (Connie) Bernau, Ricahard (Debbie) Bernau, Marty (Cindy) Bernau and the late Terry (Jean) Bernau, cherished grandmother of Traci (Sean) Lovekamp, Jimmie Bernau, Jeff Bernau, Kelli (John) Doubek, Andy Bernau, Matt Bernau, Brad Bernau, Dan (Erin) Bernau and the late Cari Honeyman; great grandmother of Amanda (Shaun) Louw, Samantha Lovekamp, Easton Lovekamp and great great grandmother of 3, devoted sister of of Therese (late Steve) Marto and Felix Provost; fond aunt and great aunt of many.

Visitation Sunday, October 09, 2016 from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169; and Monday, October 10, 2016, 8:45 A.M. until time of prayers 9:15 A.M. proceeding to St. Hubert Church, 729 Grand Canyon, Hoffman Estate Illinois 60169 for a 10:00 A.M. Mass of Christian burial. Interment to follow at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine, Illinois.

This Life Tributes page has been created to make it easy for Family and Friends to share memories, photos and videos.

For further information about this funeral; please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444. Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169.

Cemetery Details

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Cemetery in Palatine

1185 West Algonquin Road
Palatine, IL 60067
(847) 397-3284
<http://www.catholiccemeterieschicago.org/locations.php?cem=38>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **9**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Morizzo Family Funeral Home, Cremation Services, and Cemetery Memorials
2550 Hassell Road
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
(847) 752-6444
ross@morizzofuneralhome.com
<https://www.morizzofuneralhome.com>

Final Viewing and Prayers

OCT **10**. 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Hubert Catholic Church in Hoffman Estates
729 Grand Canyon
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
(847) 885-7700
<http://www.sainthubert.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Dolores M. Bernau of Pingree Grove*

November 04, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ *Jennifer Bernau lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores M. Bernau of Pingree Grove*



Jennifer Bernau - November 13, 2016 at 12:05 AM



“ *Aunt Dolores never waivering faith. It's what I remember about her most. My Mom was Mary, Uncle Jim's youngest sister. I did not see much of Mom's family, but she talked of them always, in a positive loving manner. When I did get to see them all, they were kind and welcoming. I used to stop over and visit Aunt Dolores and Uncle Jim when they lived on Morton. I am sorry for the family's loss, yet happy, knowing Aunt Dolores is with Uncle Jim and Terry.*

Kathy Cerrito - October 17, 2016 at 11:52 AM

“ *What can I say about my grandma? I loved her laugh. She had an awesome quick and somewhat wicked wit like my dad. And she had light in her soul. Joy and gratitude. Perspective. I'm going to miss reminiscing freely about my dad and what he was like as a boy. And our shared experiences with him. All joy filled, untinted by the byrden of grief.*

She was the best cook on the planet and I can still taste her thanksgiving dinners. So basic and traditional and beautiful.

Her love language was food.

At Christmas we all waited, not for gifts, but for cookie time. For weeks before she'd bake dozens and dozens of different cookies and make homemade powdered sugar doughnuts. OMG. The sheer artistry of her baked goods, long before Etsy or Martha Stewart.... my favorites were the cutouts. Little snowmen and angels and bees and stars. 1/4" thick. So delicate and flakey you could see light through them. They were frosted individually, each one decorated with tiny ball candies that she must have placed with tweezers. Black snowman eyes, perfectly spaced. A bell with silver sugar and a cinnamon Red hot for the clapper. Tiny works of art. And each family got to take home a container of cookies and doughnuts.

She could cook anything in an electric frypan. I learned this in Wisconsin building Uncle Jim and Aunt Connie's house in Hayward. We rented tiny cabins on a lake and the things that would come out of that frypan seemed like magic to me. With few ingredients, we'd have pot roast. We'd have spaghetti. She baked a cake and made frosting. She made popcorn. Chicken with potatoes and veggies. All from scratch. All unbelievably delicious. I, to this day, am in awe of her resourcefulness.

I got to tell her all these things recently, thank god. The lesson I learned from my father's early passing and how fortunate I was to be able to have our last words be 'I love you' when those were

assumed but rarely spoken.

Tell people how you feel. What you think. If you think they are magic or amazing and be specific about the why. The moments. Say the words. Or write them. Tweet or text them. But don't regret letting them go unsaid.

Maybe that's the reason we're all bumping around on this planet. To give and reflect love. To build each other up in life. To stand for each other and with each other. To forgive more easily and laugh more often. To be the mirror that reflects the light of another's soul back to them when they've forgotten who they are or why they're loved and loveable. To speak truths with love until we're each of us called home.

Kelli Doubek - October 09, 2016 at 10:15 AM

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Pardon the typos. 😊 Love you, grandma. 🥰

kelli - October 09, 2016 at 10:59 AM

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“ *Kelli Doubek lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Dolores M. Bernau of Pingree Grove*



Kelli Doubek - October 09, 2016 at 06:32 AM



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Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - October 07, 2016 at 05:20 PM



“ Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.



Those of us at Morizzo Funeral Home - October 07, 2016 at 02:25 PM