



## Bertha E. Duits

March 30, 1939 - June 4, 2020

Bertha E. Duits, 81, of Ashkum, passed away Thursday, June 4, 2020 at St. Mary's hospital in Kankakee.

She was born March 30, 1939 in Baker, Oregon, a daughter of Alonzo and Bessie (Davis) Newton. On August 31, 1960 she married Henry Duits in Woodstock, IL.

Bertha worked as a Machine Operator in Woodstock then moved to California where she enjoyed working at Button King and adored going to garage sales and antiquing with her sister-in-law, Lil Chaudoin. She also enjoyed playing bingo and bowling in her younger years. She loved taking walks around town, reading, and always loved listening to her favorite artist, Elvis.

She is survived by her sons, Henry Jr (Renu Chaudhary) Duits of California, Raymond Duits; her daughters, Tykia Long of Ashkum, IL, Leanna (Duane Boyd) Thompson of Decatur, IL, and Melissa (Charles) Sjouwke of Kankakee, IL; two brothers, Joe (Mary Jo) Chaudoin and Jim (Diane) Chaudoin of Stockton, CA; three sisters, Beverly Elson of Vancouver, WA, Letha Lonzo of Tuscan, AZ, and Kathy (Danny) Jones of Portland, OR; her many grandchildren, Dustin and Megan Duits, Casey Horsch, Seth Rubo, R.J. Thompson, Lori and Sean Fabbri, Corey and Heather Harrington, Dylan Sjouwke, Jayden, Zoey, and Garrett Duits; 7 great-grandchildren.

Bertha is preceded in death by her husband, Henry; her parents; her brothers, Bob and Mike Chaudoin, and Bill Newton.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Jenson Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bertha E. Duits*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Space Systems Loral - Security & Safety purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bertha E. Duits.*



**Space Systems Loral - Security & Safety** - June 18, 2020 at 01:55 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Bertha E. Duits.*



June 18, 2020 at 10:52 AM



“ *I remember Aunt Bertha as always kind to us kids and always smiling. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Duits family.*

*Sincerely  
Cheri Newton Owens*

**cheri owens** - June 16, 2020 at 09:36 PM

JA

“ Justin And Ambre lit a candle in memory of Bertha E. Duits



justin and Ambre - June 07, 2020 at 12:31 PM

LI

“ Lily lit a candle in memory of Bertha E. Duits



lily - June 07, 2020 at 12:29 PM

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“ I enjoyed being with Bertha cause she always had great stories to tell. She was a great lady and I will miss her and her stories of the men and being the mayor of Watseka. Yep yep yep yep yep will always be my new favorite saying to remember her by. Fly high Bertha and enjoy being with Henry. We will miss you but will never be forgotten

Toni Harrison - June 06, 2020 at 03:01 PM

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“ Beverly Elson lit a candle in memory of Bertha E. Duits



beverly elson - June 06, 2020 at 01:40 PM



“ *Carla Chase-Earles lit a candle in memory of Bertha E. Duits* ”



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**Carla Chase-Earles** - June 05, 2020 at 07:43 PM