



## Hazel J Kerouac

September 23, 1933 - March 9, 2026

Hazel Kerouac passed away on Monday, March 9, 2026.

Hazel was born on September 23, 1933, the daughter of Eddie Lee and Minnie Ada (Posey) Williams. She was a devoted wife, mother, sister, and friend who will be remembered for her warmth, generosity, and love of family.

She co-owned and operated Canfields Cafe in Kankakee with her sister, Willow Duvall. Through her work and daily life, Hazel touched many people with her kindness and willingness to help others.

Hazel enjoyed cooking and baking pies, caring for her bird, "POOH", and spending time with the people she loved. These simple joys brought her great happiness and created many fond memories for her family and friends.

She is survived by her sister, Willow Duvall of Kankakee, nephew, Matt Musselman of Kankakee; and her significant other of 20 years, Paul Guenette.

She is preceded in death by her first husband, Richard Rogers; second husband, Donald A. Kerouac; her parents; son, Eddie Rodgers; siblings, James Williams, John Williams, Louise Sievers, Wanda Rowell, Karen Pelehowski, Linda Doney, and Floyd Allen Rowell; several nieces and nephews.

Burial will take place at Kankakee Memorial Gardens. Memorial services will be private.

Hazel will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her.

# Cemetery Details

## **Kankakee Memorial Gardens**

15 S 3000 E Road  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Hazel and I were friends since the late 60s and spoke often even after I moved out of state. She was a kind and caring friend who meant the world to me. My condolences to Willow and family.

Julie Johnson - March 18 at 05:31 PM

KW

“ Kaye Wallace lit a candle in memory of Hazel  
J Kerouac



Kaye Wallace - March 17 at 02:03 AM

LR

“ I am so very sorry to hear of her passing. I know she's in a much happier place being reunited with Eddie and the rest of her family.

Linda Rodgers - March 16 at 11:46 AM

RE

“ Never knew Hazel but she was a big part of my childhood memories, will never forget all the trips with my mom to Hazel's soft cones.

Rachel Ehmpke - March 14 at 03:06 PM

BR

“ My mother Martha was one of the cooks at Canfield's-Hazel & everyone there treated us like family, Hazel will be deeply missed and forever cherished in my heart.

Belinda Rosas - March 14 at 12:24 PM

SU

“ *I remember my dad, a member of the Pipefitter's Local 383, taking me to Canfield's. That has been many, many decades ago. Rest in peace, Hazel. Those are precious memories.*

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**Susie** - March 14 at 01:37 AM