



Anita L. Jakel

February 26, 1917 - April 4, 2014

Anita L. Jakel, age 97 of Highland, IL, died Friday, April 04, 2014, at Deceased's Residence in Highland, IL.

She was born on Monday, February 26, 1917, Neodesha, Kansas, the daughter of Manuel and Oliva (nee Artime) Muniz.

On Monday, September 03, 1956, she married Floyd C. Jakel who passed away on Saturday, May 22, 1999.

She was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church and the St. Anne Altar Sodality-Highland.

Anita was born in Kansas, the daughter of first generation Americans. She grew up in Terre Haute, IN and at age 13 moved to Spain. In 1950 her family moved to East St. Louis, IL and following her marriage she moved to Highland in 1956. She met her husband at Casa Loma Ballroom in St. Louis. They enjoyed dancing. She loved children and was a babysitter for the whole neighborhood. She enjoyed playing bingo. Always had a cat and loved them.

Survivors include:

Daughter - Mary Ann (Donald J.) Mueth, Chesterfield, MO

Grandchild - Andrew D. Mueth, Los Angeles, CA

Grandchild - Stephanie A. Mueth, Mobile, AL
Grandchild - Eric M. Mueth, Chesterfield, MO
Grandchild - Charlie D. Mueth, Chesterfield, MO.

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Manuel Muniz

Mother - Oliva Muniz (nee Artime)

Husband - Floyd C. Jakel (died 5/22/1999)

Sister - Marina Alvarez (died 11/8/1997)

Sister - Angelina "Angie" Cimerman (died 8/16/2007)

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Illinois.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, April 11, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, and from 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM, on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 11:30 AM on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL, with Father Pat G. Jakel, Pastor, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Marine, IL, officiating.

Interment will be at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul School Educational Foundation.

Tribute Wall

CM

“ I lived across the street from Floyd "Floor" and Anita "Needa" and between them and the Schwarz's, you could not ask for better or nicer neighbors. So many great memories were spent under her watch... with the endless bowls of cereal (by the 3rd bowl, she would only fill it about a quarter full), homemade popsicles, and the milk poured over ice cream with extra sugar... Floyd's favorite snack. Playing guns in the yard, locking Jimmy and Paul in a cage in the basement, then scrambling home when their parents came to pick them up...oh the patience Needa had!!! Eating grapes from the vine and going through Floyds countless pocket-knives. I'm also very fortunate that "Needa" and "Floor" never invoiced my brother and I for the countless windows we broke from playing ball in their yard. The smart fellow he was, Floyd finally double paned the windows so when one broke, he had a back-up already installed! Cookie the cat and the her talking bird that was bilingual in English AND Spanish...smart bird! Such a sweet lady who would do anything for us kids, even if it meant me going back to get Paul or Jimmy's toys/bike/big wheel after they left so I could use them that evening, she allowed it...Too bad Paul and Jimmy..Ha Although he never said much, "Floor" was a kind man as well...a bit more stern with us, but he had to be. I never got the chance to clock him, but he would come and go out of that gravel driveway at mach speed...if a toy was left in the driveway, kiss it Bye Bye! Just another lasting memory. Growing up, they never missed a birthday party and to this day, I love watching our old family videos with Anita carrying on and Floyd sippin his Busch beer. As I grew older, I enjoyed popping by for a visit and talk about those memories.

I consider myself extremely lucky to have had them in my life and very blessed with the memories they gave me. Although I already miss her I am happy that her and "Floor" are together again.

Thank you Anita (and Floyd) for everything, I am forever grateful! I love and miss you very much!

Chad Moss

Chad Moss - April 11, 2014 at 09:10 AM

PK

“ I too was one of the lucky kids to have Anita as a babysitter when I lived in Holiday Manor. Anita's kindness and patience towards me and those she cared for cannot be measured as I don't believe it could ever be matched. She showered us with love as if we were her own children and I will be forever grateful that she was a part of my life. Anita, thank you. -Paul

Paul Knebel - April 09, 2014 at 11:12 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Anita L. Jakel.



April 09, 2014 at 01:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Anita L. Jakel.



April 05, 2014 at 11:26 AM



“ Anita started watching me as a baby. Their farmhouse was just across the street from my parents farmhouse on route 160. I wasn't even walking the first time my parents put me under "Needa's" watch. Anita took care of me and many others for over 10 years of my life. I remember eating homemade pizza, popsicles from ice trays, drinking the best lemonade in world...Needa provided all we could ever ask for as kids. As kids we would run through the yard barefoot and every once in a while we'd get stung by a bee. She would take bee stingers out of the bottom of my feet with some homemade concoction as I cried my eyes out. I learned to ride a bike at Anita's house. She taught us a little spanish and we all thought that was cool. I can still hear her say "OOOOOO" when we would do something...inappropriate as kids do. She used to change Paul's diaper on the kitchen counter and every time he would pee from the counter onto the table. We all laughed so hard. Anita had the patience of a Saint and treated us all like her own children. It makes me sad knowing that she is no longer with us but all the memories of this wonderful woman warms my heart. I will always love you Anita. -Jimmy Shemwell

Jim Shemwell - April 05, 2014 at 11:16 AM

LK

I can't agree more Jim. Both of my sons, Paul & Mike have such fond memories of Anita caring for them. I can remember when she gave Paul a haircut (he asked and she delivered)! I can remember her teaching all of you boys how to water her flowers in the back yard. All of you loved the fact that Anita would cook soups and all of her other favorites. I can remember the first time my boys had chestnuts ... Anita made them. You are right, she was a saint and had more patience than anyone I have ever seen. She was a true gem and will always be a wonderful memory in our hearts.

Linda Knebel Koester

Linda Koester - April 08, 2014 at 10:03 PM

PK

Jimmy, your comments bring back great memories during our time at Anita's house. I couldn't help but smile and have a few chuckles while thinking about those times with her.

Paul Knebel - April 09, 2014 at 11:19 PM

GS

“*Mary Ann: Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. She was always very happy and was SO Proud of you and your accomplishments and family. Remember her smile and how fortunate you are to have had her so long.
Gloria and Bob Schwarz, neighbors in Holiday Manor.*

Gloria Schwarz - April 05, 2014 at 07:45 AM

JH

No one knows more than I how special of an Aunt she has been to me. My brothers and sisters know more than any how they hated that I got to go on vacation because you wanted me to be with you, because we were close not only in age but we just got along good. You and I spent a lot of time together growing up and I often look back on that and it warms me. I know that you and I have drifted apart and that happens, but I will always remember the times that we shared, which were great. Ok I am realizing that everyone that is on here will read this, but it's ok. Life is good, you and I had a close cousin relationship and I am gonna say two things that your Mom made that I will never forget. Her chicken noodle soup and pancakes, no one made them like your Mom. I will see you Friday night, I am taking off early and will be there all day on Saturday, Love, Joan

joan holtgrave - April 09, 2014 at 09:32 PM