



Arlene E. "Sis" Drda

February 27, 1931 - December 6, 2018

Arlene E. "Sis" Drda, age 87 of Highland, IL, died Thursday, December 06, 2018, at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Highland, IL.

She was born on Friday, February 27, 1931, in Summerfield, IL, the daughter of Albert and Pearl (nee Wahl) Bauer.

On Monday, September 01, 1952, she married Leonard T. "Lenny" Drda at St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL, by Msgr. Whalen.

She was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL; St. Ann Altar Society; T.O.P.S. for 20 years; Past President of Highland Democratic Women; Madison County Democratic Women; Weinheimer Senior Citizens Club; American Legion Auxiliary Post #439 for 29 years; Election Judge for 47 years.

Mrs. Drda was born at Summerfield, IL, where she grew up and graduated in 1945 from Summerfield Grade School. She graduated from Lebanon High School in 1949. Following graduation, she worked in St. Louis for Laclede Gas for three years. She and her husband moved to Highland following their marriage. Her children were all reared in Highland. When they were older, she had worked at the Highland Home for nine years (1985-1994). Mrs. Drda volunteered as a Meals on Wheels driver for 5 years; volunteered with her

church, (St. Paul Catholic Church), as a Sunday School Teacher and at local nursing homes, and was a Girl Scout Leader. She has been an Election Judge since 1968. She worked at Wal-Mart in Highland for 11 years starting at age 70. She was devoted to her husband, children, grandchildren and great grandchild. She always attended the grandchildren's athletic events and helped them in any way possible. "Sis" was a mushroom hunter! She enjoyed collecting pens and post cards. Her family time was very important to her. The family had travelled to Florida; she and Lenny had vacationed in Hawaii, France, Switzerland, Germany and (of course) Las Vegas.

Survivors include:

Husband - Leonard T. "Lenny" Drda, Highland, IL

Daughter - Linda L. Drda, CPA, Schaumburg, IL

Son - Robert A. (Marilyn) Drda, Highland, IL

Daughter - Cheryl A. Drda, JD (Husband Scott A. Manuel, JD), Springfield, IL

Son - David J. Drda, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Kristi L. Drda (Husband - Nathan McPherson), Winter Garden, FL

Grandchild - Jason A. (Yuliya) Drda, Westfield, IN

Grandchild - Bailey P. Manuel, Springfield, IL

Great Grandchild - Madison R. McPherson, Winter Garden, FL.

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Albert C. Bauer - Died 3/26/1972

Mother - Pearl E. Bauer, nee Wahl - Died 2/04/1992

Brother - Arvel L. Bauer - Died 6/06/2007.

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

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, December 10,

2018, and from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 11:30 AM on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL, with Rev. Fr. Pat G. Jakel, Pastor, officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice; Highland Home or American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Arlene E. "Sis" Drda.*



December 10, 2018 at 07:29 AM



“ *Charolette Seifried lit a candle in memory of Arlene E. "Sis" Drda*



Charolette Seifried - December 09, 2018 at 06:14 AM



“ *Kathy Walker lit a candle in memory of Arlene E. "Sis" Drda*



Kathy Walker - December 08, 2018 at 05:34 PM



“ *Dear Mr. Drda, Cheryl, Bob, Linda, and David. Thinking of you all, and praying for your peace during this difficult time. Your mother has earned her place with our Father. God bless all of you.*
Jane(Durbin)McDonald

jane mcdonald - December 08, 2018 at 11:08 AM

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“ From Doerhoff Family - Joe, Joseph, Chris & Nicole purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Arlene E. "Sis" Drda.



From Doerhoff Family - Joe, Joseph, Chris & Nicole -
December 07, 2018 at 07:47 PM

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“ I met Sis in 2000 when I joined Tops. I took over as leader a month later and she was so supportive... fond memories of ARD and IRD, we always took snacks and Sis brought wine.. yes ,Lenny you do make good wine 😊 She was very proud of reaching her weight goal and maintaining it ..

Shirley Hug - December 07, 2018 at 06:15 PM

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“ Sis was a beautiful and loving lady. I always enjoyed conversations with her and Lenny at the annual Spengel-Boulanger Christmas parties. Lots of laughter and smiles. She will be missed by many.

Debbie Koishor - December 07, 2018 at 02:53 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Debbie - December 07, 2018 at 01:47 PM



Wonderful picture of two Wonderful people.. Larry & Sharon Moss

Sharon Moss - December 07, 2018 at 05:39 PM