



## Lillian M. Kerin

January 3, 1925 - March 12, 2020

Lillian M. Kerin, age 95 of Highland, IL, died Thursday, March 12, 2020, at Cedarhurst Memory Care in Greenville, IL.

She was born on January 03, 1925, in Highland, IL, the daughter of Maurice and Caroline (nee Speckart) Widmer.

On November 09, 1946, she married Clinton P. Kerin at Highland, IL. He passed away on April 29, 2012.

She was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church. She was also a member of V.F.W. Auxiliary (Life Member), Highland Historical Society (Life Member), Friends of St. Joseph's Hospital, Highland Area Community Foundation, Louis Latzer Memorial Public Library, and Highland Chamber of Commerce.

Lillian was born in Highland at the Widmer family home. She graduated from St. Paul High School in 1943. She worked for her father at Widmer Greenhouse and later at R.G. Center Drug Store. In 1971, she established the Swiss Gift Shop in Highland, IL after a trip to Switzerland. It was during this trip that she located the Widmer family home in Eschenbach, Switzerland. The family home was based on a picture postcard that was sent to her grandfather in 1907. She loved her business at the gift shop. She also enjoyed traveling the world with her husband. She was a daily visitor to the Korte Recreational

Center, Highland, IL.

Survivors include:

Son - Robert C. (Janis) Kerin, O'Fallon, IL

Son - K. James (Nancy) Kerin, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Stephanie M. (Jason) Hamisack, Columbia, MO

Step Grandchild - Chris B. (Sherry) Hall, Shiloh, IL

Great Grandchild - David L. Hamisak

Great Grandchild - Caroline Hamisak

Step Great Grandchild - Aiden B. Hall

Step Great Grandchild - Sophie E. Hall

Nieces and Nephews - Several

Sister - Rose Arendt, Alexandria, MN

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Maurice F. Widmer - Died 12/28/1966

Mother - Caroline M. Widmer, nee Speckart - Died 6/17/1962

Husband - Clinton P. Kerin - Died 4/29/2012

Daughter In-law - Kay L. Kerin, nee Steiner - Died 1/06/1987

Brother - Cletus Widmer - Died 8/28/2012

Sister - Florence Ranik - Died 10/02/2007

Sister - Julia Widmer - Died 9/06/1909

Brother - Maurice Widmer - Died 8/28/1910

Sister - Caroline Widmer - Died 3/04/1912

Brother - Fredric Widmer - Died 5/10/1984

Brother - Joseph Widmer - Died 12/30/1991

Brother In-law - Kenneth R. Kerin - Died 12/1972

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

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM on Monday, March 16, 2020, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 AM on Monday, March 16, 2020, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL, with Father Adam Zawakzki officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul School Educational Foundation, Highland Area Community Foundation or Korte Recreational Center.

# Cemetery Details

**St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery**

Highland, IL

# Tribute Wall

PM

“ *I just saw this, I am so sorry for your loss.  
Much sympathy to you and your family Jim.  
Sincerely...Pam Bellm Morgan*



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**Pam Morgan** - April 04, 2020 at 06:44 PM

DY

“ *My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all family and friends in the  
passing of Dear Lillian.  
She was truly a sweet and wonderful Lady. Heaven has a new and  
beautiful angel.  
In Christian Love,  
Donna Yates*

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**Donna L. Yates** - March 16, 2020 at 08:57 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the  
family of Lillian M. Kerin.*



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March 15, 2020 at 08:46 AM

LS

“ *My Deepest Sympathy to Bob, Jim and their respective families. Your mom was a beautiful women, who was blessed with 95 years of a wonderful life. I remember her when she was just starting up her "Swiss Gift Shop". She was full of enthusiasm. I also remember her for her knowledge of the history of Highland. The things she and "Aunt" Florence knew and remembered were amazing. She was such a delight. May great memories live on !*

*In sympathy,  
Linda Sommercorn*

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**Linda Sommercorn** - March 14, 2020 at 05:54 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lillian M. Kerin.*



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March 14, 2020 at 12:55 PM

JF

“ *Just a note of sympathy for you Bob & family. Lovely woman & personal friend*

*My thought go with you*

*Regards*

*Judy Frey*

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**Juddy Frey\_Kahrhoff** - March 12, 2020 at 06:20 PM

BS

“ *Sympathy & prayers to Lillian's family. What a wonderful woman!! I worked at her shop on weekends in the mid 70's. She was such a delight. She loved her store. I will always have fond memories of her. God Bless*

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**Beckie Schrumpf** - March 12, 2020 at 03:25 PM