



## Verna M. Klenke

July 10, 1926 - February 4, 2019

Verna M. Klenke, age 92 of Glen Carbon, IL, formerly of Hamel, died Monday, February 04, 2019, at Eden Village in Glen Carbon, IL.

She was born on Saturday, July 10, 1926, in Hamel, IL, the daughter of John and Martha (nee Blase) Renken.

On Sunday, April 24, 1949, she married Hilbert C. Klenke who survives.

She was a life long member of Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Hamel, IL; Ladies Aid; Bell Choir; Women's Missionary League.

Verna was born and grew up on the family farm north of Hamel, IL. After her marriage she and her husband lived on a farm at Fruit Road and Route 66. When her husband returned home from the Army, they purchased the Klenke Farm southeast of Hamel on Maple Road. They retired from farming and built a house east of Hamel on Hwy 140. They lived there until 2013 when they moved to Eden Village in Glen Carbon. Verna enjoyed gardening, flowers, quilting, cooking, baking and dancing. She was very involved with the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and the Ladies Aid. She volunteered as a Braille Worker and played in the church Bell Choir for 25 years.

Survivors include:

Husband - Hilbert C. Klenke, Glen Carbon, IL  
Daughter - JoAnn M. (Kenneth) Brinker, Edwardsville, IL  
Son - Larry D. (Beth) Klenke, Edwardsville, IL  
Grandchild - Julie M. (Robert) Kirbach, Glen Carbon, IL  
Grandchild - Caitlin M. Klenke, Edwardsville, IL  
Grandchild - Colton G. Klenke, Edwardsville, IL  
Great Grandchild - Ella M. Kirbach, Glen Carbon, IL  
Great Grandchild - Bennett K. Kirbach, Glen Carbon, IL  
Great Grandchild - Evan R. Kirbach, Glen Carbon, IL  
Sister - Lillian Schmidt, Alton, IL  
Brother - Arnold (Geraldine) Renken, Alton, IL.

She was preceded in death by:

Father - John Renken  
Mother - Martha Renken (nee Blase)  
Daughter - Lola Mae Klenke - Infant  
Brother - Harry Renken  
Brother In-law - Wilbur Schmidt  
Sister In-law - Flora Lee Renken.

Arrangements are being handled by Dauderman Mortuary in Hamel, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM Wednesday, February 06, 2019, and from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hamel, IL.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 07, 2019, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hamel, IL., with Rev. William Gleason, Assistant Pastor, officiating.

Interment will be at Saint Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Hamel, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois or St. Paul Lutheran Church.

# Tribute Wall

PR

“ Aunt Verna was a beautiful woman who made beautiful cookies. Not only were her cookies delicious but each one was perfectly shaped and decorated. A lot of love went into those cookies!! A Renken Christmas party would not be complete without a big tray of aunt Verna’s cookies. Lucky for us she shared her recipes and techniques with Joann and Julie. Aunt Verna truly lived a life well loved. 💕💕💕🍪

pamela renken - February 11, 2019 at 04:23 AM

SP

“ So sorry for your loss. Know that we are thinking about your family during this time.  
Susan and Diane.

Susan Patton - February 06, 2019 at 03:40 PM

JH

“ She would attend all the preschool plays of her grandchildren. Such a sweet grandma!

Janet Hooks - February 06, 2019 at 02:14 PM

KE

“ Kristine E. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Verna M. Klenke.



Kristine E. - February 05, 2019 at 05:16 PM

YL

“ *Your friends and colleagues at Linde purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Verna M. Klenke.*



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**Your friends and colleagues at Linde** - February 05, 2019 at 09:51 AM

SS

“ *She was one of the most hard-working women I ever knew. I remember staying at their farm as a child. She was, of course, my Aunt Vernie. I remember gathering eggs in the mornings and all the different animals they had and how she would walk me around and show me.*

*When my daughter, Nicole, was born, she was one of the first people to come to see her and bring her a beautiful pink dress. I don't think that she ever missed a chance to bring something new to her grand-niece.*

*There are just so many memories in between and beyond those I mention.*

*I know she has finally found peace and can rest now.*

*Hers was a life well and truly lived.*

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**Sharon Shaw** - February 05, 2019 at 06:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Verna M. Klenke.*



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February 04, 2019 at 08:13 PM