



## Betty A. Bedore

March 12, 1931 - February 25, 2016

Betty A. Bedore, 84, of Manteno, passed away Thursday (Feb. 25, 2016) at Heritage Woods of Manteno.

She was born March 12, 1931, in Wilmington, the daughter of Leo Calkins and Catherine Ginter Gilmour. Betty was raised by an aunt and uncle, Hazel and Clifford Hatch, of Manteno.

Betty was an accountant and model for Spiegel's catalog before she married Lester Bedore on Oct. 23, 1950. She worked for the U.S. Army while her husband served during the Korean War. She became a stay-at-home mother and active volunteer for Kankakee County Humane Society. She and her husband served 30 years as directors and were instrumental in establishing a shelter for homeless animals. Both avid gardeners, they were members of the Prairieland Daylily Society. They also were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Manteno.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Gregory (Rita) Bedore, of Kentucky; daughter, Gina (Dale) Blanchette, of Manteno; three grandsons, Daniel (Jennifer) Blanchette, of Wenona, Alex Blanchette, of Chicago, Brandon Bedore, of Kentucky; a brother, Dale (Ruth) Calkins, of Rhode Island; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; aunt and uncle; and brother, James Calkins.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Brown Funeral Home in Manteno. An additional time for visitation will be from 10 a.m. Monday until the

11 a.m. funeral services at First Presbyterian Church of Manteno. Interment will follow in Skyline Memorial Park in Monee.

Memorials may be made to the Presbyterian Church in Manteno, or the Kankakee County Humane Foundation.

# Cemetery Details

## Skyline Cemetery

Monee, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 28. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Brown Funeral Home

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## Visitation

FEB 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church

Manteno, IL

## Service

FEB 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church

Manteno, IL



# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty A. Bedore*

October 06, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *Goodbye, my friend, safe journey. About you I remember best the "song" we sang through all those years for the animals, and I will sing it for you til we meet again. Greet folks and animals who wait for me. To where you are, I come gently on.*

**Pat Brumitt** - February 29, 2016 at 09:32 AM



*Thank you Pat. What was the song?*

**Gina Blanchette** - February 29, 2016 at 07:28 PM



“ *Joelene Hays lit a candle in memory of Betty A. Bedore*



**Joelene Hays** - February 29, 2016 at 09:29 AM



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**Gayle Fouts** - February 28, 2016 at 12:35 AM

GB

*Always loved loved loved coming to your house!!! But not a fan of picture taking. Thank you for picture.*

**Gina Blanchette** - February 28, 2016 at 08:34 AM

EL

“ *Joe and I are so sorry for your loss. She was a lovely and gracious woman. She will be greatly missed.*

**Elaine** - February 27, 2016 at 11:10 AM

GB

*Thank you for always asking about her. She was always glad when I told her you were thinking about her. She thought well of you both!!*

**Gina Blanchette** - February 28, 2016 at 08:40 AM

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“ *Greg And Rita Bedore lit a candle in memory of Betty A. Bedore*



**Greg and Rita Bedore** - February 27, 2016 at 09:59 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Betty A. Bedore.*



February 26, 2016 at 05:59 PM