

From the Sunday, August 31, 2008 and Wednesday, September 3, 2008 editions of the Kankakee Journal:

A funeral Mass for Edna M. Menard, 83, of Bourbonnais, was celebrated Aug. 30 at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, Kankakee. The Rev. Dennis Settles officiated. Mrs. Menard died Aug. 26, 2008. Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Kankakee. Pallbearers were Jessica Paxton, Robert Menard, Anna and John VerShaw, Megan Schrementi, Elliott Papineau, Rachel and Rebecca Kittridge, and Nicholas, Zachary and Marc Backas.

From the Thursday, August 28, 2008 edition of the Kankakee Journal:

Edna M. Menard, 83, of Bourbonnais, died Tuesday (Aug. 26, 2008) at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, Kankakee, where she was a former member. The Rev. Dennis Settles will officiate. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Kankakee. Memorials may be made to Bishop McNamara Catholic High School. Mrs. Menard was retired from Redwood Inn, where she had been a baker for 17 years. She was born Aug. 14, 1925, in Watseka, the daughter of Benjamin and Geraldine Hasbargen Memenga. Her husband, Robert Menard, whom she married May 18, 1946, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley, died Oct. 23, 1978. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus and the Gold Star Wives of America. She enjoyed baking and sewing. Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Jim VerShaw of Tyler, Texas, Rebecca and Alan Papineau of Bourbonnais, Maribeth and Steve Kittridge of Peoria, Ariz., Julie and Paul Backas of Elmhurst; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; one brother and sister-in-law, Norman and Charlene Memenga of Bourbonnais; and many friends at Bickford House. Deceased are two sons, Robert L. and Dennis Menard; two brothers, Merle and Bernard "Ben" Memenga; and one sister, Viola Bastin. Please sign her guestbook at clancygernon.com.