



## Bernice Hofner

November 20, 1917 - January 4, 2012

Bernice Hofner, age 94, died on January 4, 2012 and at her home in Aurora, IL. Bernice was the daughter of Alma Schelling Kartheiser and Peter Kartheiser. She was born in Aurora, IL on November 20, 1917 and lived in Aurora all of her life. She married Emery Hofner on November 23, 1939. Emery preceded her in death in Aurora on August 17, 1981.

Bernice was a life-long member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. She was baptized, made her First and Solemn Communion, was confirmed, and married at St. Joseph's. She was a graduate of Madonna High School, class of 1935. She attended St. Teresa College in Winona, MN. After her marriage she belonged to the Arch Confraternity of Mary and served as its President for a number of years. For thirty one years Bernice taught at St. Joseph Grade School where she taught second grade for nine years and then transferred to the newly formed Learning Center. She also worked at Verue Redd Beauty Salon, Aurora Dry Goods (The Aurora Store) and Kartheiser and Son Hardware Store.

Bernice was chosen as a Catholic Woman of the Year by the Diocese of Rockford and as an outstanding graduate of St. Joseph School by the NCEA. She had been an Eucharistic Minister, taught CCD, participated in Genesis II, and was part of Small Groups Prayer.

After retiring Bernice was a volunteer at St. Joseph's School for three years, in Kindergarten at Hermes School for four years, and then in first grade at Hall School. She was awarded the Golden Apple award at Hall School for her

volunteer work there.

Bernice was a member of the Fox Valley Hiking Club, the FVPD Friendly Center Club, and several Bridge Clubs. She was also an avid knitter and supported the Blood Bank having donated one hundred pints of blood and was a member of the 14 gallon club.

She is survived by her children: Judy (Richard) Smith of Aurora, IL, Jim (Marci) Hofner of Wheaton, IL, Tim (Chris) Hofner of Oswego, IL, and Mary (Stephen) Gaddis of Aurora, IL., her grandchildren: Kevin (Debbie) Smith, Keith Smith, Andy (Steff) Hofner, Amy Hofner, Jay (Kelle) Hofner, Michael (Mollie) Hofner, Melissa (Matt) Kaupke, Megan Hofner, Matthew Hofner, Karen Gaddis, Jessica (Danny) Duda, James Gaddis, and Samantha Gaddis and 18 great grandchildren She also has two sisters-in-law: Delores "Babe" Kartheiser and Rose Comer.

In addition to her husband and her parents she was preceded in death by her brother Raymond "Bud" Kartheiser and a great grandson Gabriel Kaupke.

The family would like to extend sincere appreciation to Pat Frangella for the loving care and friendship she gave to our mother.

Funeral from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY will be Monday, January 9, 2012 at 11:30am to St. Joseph Church at 12:00 pm. Fr. Jerome Leake will officiate with Fr. Charles Reichenbacher concelebrating. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday, January 8, 2012 from 2:00 pm until 8:00 pm at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, 630-631-5500 or visit our new interactive website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com) where you may leave condolences for Bernice's family. Memorials can be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church and/or School, P.O. Box 4395, Aurora, IL 60507.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

Corner of Rt. 25 and Indian Trail Road.  
Aurora, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary  
220 N. Lake Street  
Aurora, IL 60506  
(630) 631-5500  
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com  
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

## Funeral Mass

JAN 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Church  
722 High Street  
Aurora, IL 60505  
1-630-844-7380

# Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernice Hofner



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**Daleiden Mortuary** - January 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ What an absolutely beautiful video tribute. I remember so many of those people. How life moves along. We shared many holiday experiences with the Hofner's both working a Christmas tree lots ( Tim and Jim), at family events with Bud and Babe, at the Undessor's and Augsburg's and yes the Christmas Eve's stop bys while sightseeing on Lehnertz's Ave. May she be at peace.  
Kathleen (Augsburg) Luczynski

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**Kathleen Luczynski** - January 20, 2012 at 01:59 PM

LC

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Bernice. She was my dad's cousin, probably the last cousin. I have many fond memories of her and Emory. Every Christmas Eve my family would order Chinese Take Out at the Paradise Inn in Aurora and while we waited on our order we'd visit Emory in the hardware store. My mom, dad, and Emory would share some Christmas cheer while we three kids explored the vast array of merchandise in the dimly lit store. I remember the old wood floor and narrow aisles. Later, on way our home, we'd sometimes stop by their house on Lehnertz Ave, the whole street beautifully lit up for the holidays. Happy memories. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Linda (Augsburg) Carlow*

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**Linda Carlow** - January 08, 2012 at 10:19 PM

JH

“ Mary, I'm sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. Hopefully your mom and my mom and other Madonna girls are able to hang out together again! You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

*Jane Woodrick Holmbeck*

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**Jane Woodrick Holmbeck** - January 07, 2012 at 10:19 AM

CE

“ Jim, Marci and family you are in our thoughts and prayers. We pray that the many memories of your Mom will bring you some comfort in the days ahead.

*Jesus' peace be with you,  
Christopher and Carlene Ellerman*

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**carlene ellerman** - January 07, 2012 at 08:31 AM

SF

“ Mrs.Hofner was my 2nd grade teacher. She was one of my favorite teachers. She always had time to help you or talk to you. Even after she retired from teaching, she remained active in her church & community. If she saw you at the store, she always had time for a smile & to ask how you and your family were. She will be missed.



Sherry Fredericksen - January 06, 2012 at 08:00 AM

MK

“ Mary(Kartheiser) Sharp/Dolores Kartheise lit a candle in memory of Bernice Hofner



Mary(Kartheiser) Sharp/Dolores Kartheise - January 05, 2012 at 05:54 PM

BC

Mrs. Hofner was such a kind, soft spoken woman. She always had a kind word for everyone. George and I always think of her in November because she shared a birthday with George's "Ma". Poor Mrs. Hofner had to endure Tim and George's shenanigan's throughout their years at St. Joe's. I always thought it was so funny that she told them that... one of the best days of her life was the day they graduated from 8th grade . We will remember her fondly...Babs & George Chivari

Barbara L. Chivari - January 06, 2012 at 03:11 PM