



## Lillian M. Michels

August 19, 1924 - June 3, 2017

Lillian Michels, 92, died peacefully on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at Bickford Assisted Living in Oswego. She was born in Aurora on August 19, 1924 to John and Lillian Lenert. Lillian graduated from Madonna High School and then met her husband, Arthur Michels. They married on June 3, 1944 at Holy Angels Catholic Church and spent 50 years together. They resided in Aurora and were loyal members of St. Joseph Catholic Church for the remainder of their lives.

Art and Lillian were blessed with seven children: Gregory, Barbara, Kathryn, Jane, Douglas, Mark and Peter. Lillian was a dedicated wife and mother who held her children close to her heart. She cherished and nurtured each of them and always put their best interests first. Faith was at the foundation of their family. She and Art taught and guided their children to love God, their country and each other.

Throughout the years, Lil happily hosted or helped with countless family gatherings. From baptisms to graduations and weddings, she was always ready to celebrate special occasions with family, relatives and friends. Her family was her greatest joy.

Lillian is survived by her children: Greg (Mary) Michels, Barb (Howard) Edwards, Kathy (Robert) Ingraham, Doug (Susan) Michels and Peter (Kris)

Michels; daughter-in-law, Katherine Michels; son-in-law, Micheal Reinke; seventeen grandchildren: Matthew (Myra) Michels, Patricia (Rob) Carpenter, Michael (Trinity) Edwards, Thomas (Hilary) Edwards, James (Rachel) Edwards, Leah (Ted) Romaine, Angela Ingraham, Benjamin (Jaime) Ingraham, Jill (Jason) Harmon, Micheal (Kim) Reinke, Andrew (Angela) Reinke, Rachel Reinke (fiancee Tim Hettinger), John (Cathya) Michels, Jeffrey Michels, Timothy Michels (fiancée Kim Karlin), Samantha and Jenna Michels; twenty great grandchildren: Jackson and Nathan Michels, Andrew, Megan, Nathan, Skylar, Ava, Ryan and Lincoln Edwards, Hudson, Madeline, Birile and Debitu Romaine, Matthew, Joshua and Emma Harmon, William and Abigail Reinke and Emmett and Issac Reinke; her brother, Ronald Lenert; several brothers and sisters-in-law; many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, as well as many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Art in 1995; her son, Mark in 1996; her daughter, Jane Reinke in 2001; her parents, John and Lillian Lenert, who passed away many years ago; and her younger brother, Jackie, who died in childhood.

In honoring Lillian's wishes, there will be no formal visitation. Her family will receive friends in the narthex of St. Joseph Church on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 from 8:30 AM until 10:00 AM. A Memorial Mass will be held at 10:00 AM with Fr. Jerome Leake officiating. Inurnment of her cremains will immediately follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are being handled by THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake Street, Aurora, IL 60506. (630) 631-5500.

Please visit our interactive website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com) where you may sign the guest book or leave condolences for Lillian's family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Lillian's name may be made to St.

Joseph Church, 722 High St., Aurora, IL 60505 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue  
Aurora, IL 60505

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUN 7. 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

## Memorial Mass

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Andy and I offer our condolences to Lillian's family, many whom we met at Jamie and Ben's wedding. Our prayers are with you at this time of grieving. Gail and Andy Titen

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**Gaill Titen** - June 07, 2017 at 10:23 AM

MD

“ I extend my most sincere condolences to Lil's family. While really a cousin-in-law to our dad, Rich, she was always fondly known to us all as "Aunt Lil". Great lady, fond bowling team member to my mom, and always a kind spirit to our large extended family. She will be missed by so many and remembered with happiness by all those who knew her.

*Marcia (Michels) Dern*

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**Marcia Dern** - June 06, 2017 at 08:30 PM

TP

“ So very sorry for your family's loss. She lived a holy and fulfilling life. What a model of WOMANHOOD she was for all of us. Prayers and blessings on your family! Tom & Joleen Petit

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**Tom & Joleen Petit** - June 06, 2017 at 06:21 PM

AA

“ You all know how much I thought of your Mom and the very good times I had with her we laughed ae giggled and had so much fun together I will miss her but I do know she is in a better place she has wanted to go to our Lord and be with Art. Mark and Jane she missed tham so very much Love you all so very much U Nello and A Sis

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**Anna Marie Avram** - June 06, 2017 at 01:05 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Lillian M. Michels.*



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June 06, 2017 at 12:31 PM



“ *Lillian was a beautiful person with a charming, humble personality. Her obituary was right on the mark. She and Art were devoted to each other and to their family. She always made guests feel right at home and spent time with them. She extended herself, with the help of her family, to visit Carole and me during Carole's illness. God bless Lillian and her family, both living and deceased for your devotion to her and to each other.*  
*Jim Michels.*

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**Jlm Michels** - June 06, 2017 at 11:52 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Lillian M. Michels.*



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June 06, 2017 at 10:28 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Lillian's passing. She was a lovely lady. We had many good discussions. Condolences to your family.*  
*Tom Cooney*

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**Tom Cooney** - June 06, 2017 at 06:15 AM



“ *Blessed memories of Grandma Michels....she was a strong, vibrant woman who had to withstand many memories on her own in her latter year. May you find much peace, love, and comfort as you meet your loved ones in the new circle of life.....much love to you grandma...always and forever! Patti*

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**Patti Carpenter** - June 05, 2017 at 09:17 PM



“ *Aunt Lil was so patient and always had a good word when we kids converged on 721 Lehnertz! She was very witty, and we just loved her! I have some especially fond memories of her. Sending my cousins deepest sympathy. Linda*

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**Linda Taylor** - June 05, 2017 at 06:26 PM