

Visitation

Friday Evening, January 20, 2006
from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church
655 South Airport Road
Decatur, Illinois

Funeral Service

Saturday afternoon, January 21, 2006
beginning at 1:00 p.m.
Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church
Decatur, Illinois
Rev. Michael J. Keppler, Officiating

Burial

Glenwood Cemetery
Shelbyville, Illinois

Memorials to:
Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church

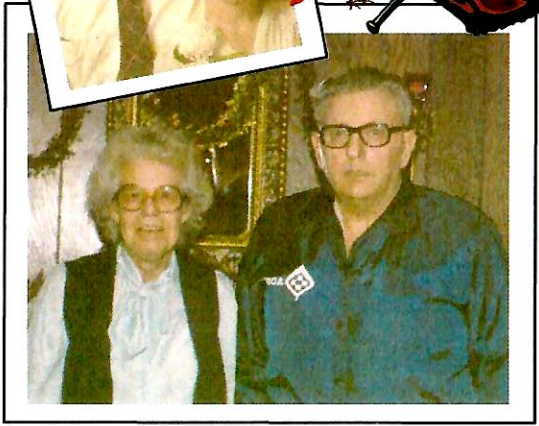
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In Loving Memory
La Vance Drake
February 10, 1923 - January 18, 2006

*She gave so much ...
and expected so little.*



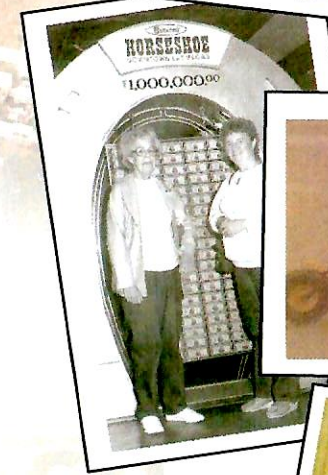
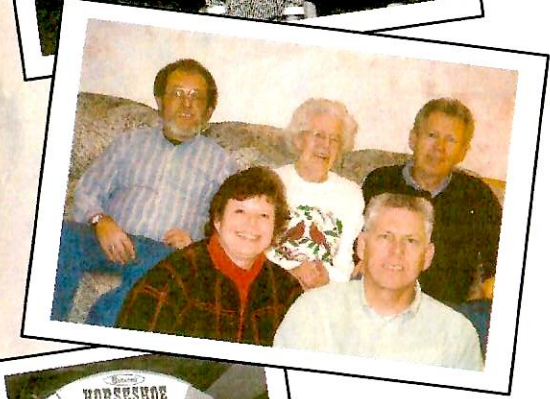
LaVance Drake began her good life in Shelbyville, Illinois the only daughter of four children in the Thompson household. Tragically her mother died when she was young, and later on, her step-mother died, compelling her to raise her two younger brothers, William and Arthur. when she was just herself, a young, married woman. Her generous spirit became evident early on, and she customarily thought of others before herself throughout her lifetime.

She and husband John were married on May 17, 1941, just before he entered military service. Together they lovingly raised four children: Roger, Gary, Randy and Patti. LaVance was focused on her family even when busy with her various and often multiple job demands. She consistently managed the adequate resources needed for specific activities with her children, creating many cherished memories for them over the years. She was purposely involved in the lives of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, supporting and encouraging each of them in their distinct endeavors.

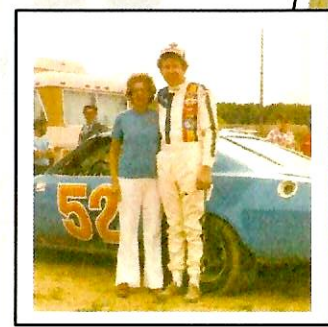
LaVance enjoyed travel, her regular time with "bingo buddies" Kathy Sunderland, Sharon Lowe and Karen Fowler, and the car racing circuit. Her engaging connection to the racing sport was recognized when she was named Woman of the Year at Macon Speedway, both in 1979 and 1980. She had a deep regard for this great country of ours, and would insist upon others around her to show the proper respect, especially to the US flag.

LaVance was a true Giver. We will miss her honestly feisty attitude, her expressions of love and her devoted and available manner. Those of us who knew her best and loved her most are just beginning to understand the void that is left in her passing.

She is loved and will be greatly missed.



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Ham Salad Sandwiches