



Anita F. Raef

January 24, 1924 - August 18, 2016

Anita F. Raef, age 92, a lifelong resident of St. Anne & Watseka, died Thursday, August 18, 2016 at Miller Healthcare Center in Kankakee surrounded by her loving family.

Anita was born January 24, 1924 in Kankakee, IL, the daughter of Paul F. & Hazel Rushing Montalbano.

She married Paul "Bud" Raef September 24, 1949.

Anita was a homemaker. She graduated from St. Joseph Seminary and Gallagher School of Business. She was also a licensed beautician.

She was a member of the Elks Country Club and a founding member of the Emblem Club. A defining moment was naming the street Bud had built the family home on... "Bittersweet Lane," in St. Anne.

Surviving are two sons, James G. Raef of Kankakee and Roger P. Raef of Kankakee; two daughters and one son-in-law, Lyn Kay & Stan Hansen of Bourbonnais and Bonnie Raef of Kankakee; five grandchildren, Christy (Chad) Spenard, Stacy Hansen (Michael Monteleone), Shaun (Elizabeth) Hansen, Branden (Jacqui) Hansen, and Amy Dines; her six great-grandchildren whom encouraged her to live longer, Riley Spenard, Madi Spenard, Bain Hansen,

Isabel Hansen, Mary Alice Hansen, and Aiden Dines; sisters-in-law, Patricia (Jim) St. John and Carol Raef; many other nieces, nephews, and friends including the Rudolf, Ryan, and Turner families; and her cousins, Diane (Gus) Amaya, Jimmie (Jeannie) McHargue.

She will now be with her best friend, Marie Rudolf, who had preceded her in death, along with Anita's parents, husband, one grandson, Brady Hansen, and two great-grandsons, Xander Hansen and Evan Hansen.

Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. funeral Mass on Monday, August 22, 2016 at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church. Rev. Jason Nesbit will celebrate the Mass.

Interment will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Anita always wore a warm smile and dressed adorably. She loved each family member dearly. Anita was a devoted Catholic her entire life. She prayed the rosary daily in Latin. Anita always enjoyed her music and loved to dance, roller skate, and sing. When we hear the thunder, we will know she is rolling her Yahtzee dice. Now we all have another guardian angel.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvchurch.org/>

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

VB

“ Vicki Burgener lit a candle in memory of Anita F. Raef



Vicki Burgener - August 21, 2016 at 02:14 PM

VB

Hi Bonnie..I don't know if you remember me, I was Vicki Zace. I want to send my condolences to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Vicki Burgener - August 21, 2016 at 02:15 PM

DR

“ Dear Raef Family,

David and I were so very sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. I only met her a few times but she was very friendly and a sweet lady. Our deepest sympathies to all.

David, Leatha, Tifanie & Ryne Romine

David & Leatha Romine - August 20, 2016 at 10:02 PM

KL

“ You were and always will be my Mother-in -Law.Angie and Aimie and Devon and Aiden send their Love..Till we meet again. Kathy

Kathy Langellier - August 20, 2016 at 03:44 PM