



## Anna Marie Wheeler

March 8, 1935 - January 15, 2025

Anna Marie “Ann” Wheeler, 89, passed away Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at home surrounded by her family. Visitation will be from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 26, at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, and Monday, January 27, from 10:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. funeral at St. Rose Chapel in Kankakee.

Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Association for the Preservation of St. Rose Chapel, APSRC, P.O. Box 302, Aroma Park, Illinois 60910.

She was born on March 8, 1935, the daughter of Walter and Emma Boucher Bertrand in Kankakee. She lived her entire life in Kankakee County.

On June 19, 1954, she was joined in marriage to Gilbert E. Wheeler, Jr., at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church. He preceded her in death on September 20, 2011.

Mrs. Wheeler and her husband owned and operated Adcraft Printers, Inc., for over 50 years, during which time their sons joined them in the business and are now the current operators.

Mrs. Wheeler’s first priority was always her family. Along with her husband, Gib, she enjoyed antique automobiles, traveling, and bowling. She was a life-long parishioner of St. Rose of Lima Church before they closed and honored as a CCW Woman of the Year. She then attended St. John Paul II Catholic Church in Kankakee. She was a member of the Tuesday Book Review,

KVSO, Kankakee Deanery, The Association of the Congregation of Notre Dame, a founding member and on the Board of Directors of The Association for the Preservation of St. Rose Chapel, and a charter member of the Kankakee Valley Vintage Car Club.

Surviving are three sons, one daughter, one son-in-law and two daughters-in-law: Scott Wheeler (Robert Miller, III) of Quincy, Illinois; Dallas (Mary) Wheeler of Kankakee, Illinois; and Erik (Corinn) Wheeler of Herscher, Illinois; one daughter, Sherry Ashcraft Wheeler of Chicago, Illinois; twelve grandchildren: Brian (Marissa) Wheeler of Las Vegas, Nevada; Lauren (Darren) Evelsizer of Normal, Illinois; Houston Wheeler, and Tyler (Kayla) Wheeler of Kankakee, Illinois; Kaliegh (Tim) Yohnka of Momence, Illinois; Brandi (Garrett) Martin of Clifton, Illinois; Stefanie Wheeler of Chicago, Illinois; Darlene (Kyle) Hartman of Kankakee, Illinois; Faith Settles and Conner Settles of Herscher, Illinois; Eugene "Jimmy" (Caitlin Lipton) Scray, IV, and Stephen (Samantha) Scray of Chicago, Illinois; Anh Phan of Harrison, New Jersey; fourteen great-grandchildren: Addison and Colin Wheeler of Las Vegas, Nevada; Jackson and Leah Evelsizer of Normal, Illinois; Xander and Ezra Wheeler of Kankakee, Illinois; Elliot and Carter Yohnka of Momence, Illinois; Persephonie Hartman of Kankakee, Illinois; Tandon, Kaden, Kenna and Leo Martin of Clifton, Illinois; and Eugene "EJ" Scray, V, of Chicago, Illinois.

Also surviving are in-laws Jacqueline Cross of Goodrich, Illinois, Mary (Tom) Turngren of Bourbonnais, Illinois; Rosemary Babinski of Bradley, Illinois; Barbara (Maynard) Denault of Kankakee, Illinois; many nieces and nephews and a host of special friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a half-brother, Duane (Mary Louise) Bertrand; a daughter, Mary Wheeler; a son, Larry Wheeler; a foster son, Christopher McCormick; a granddaughter, Elizabeth "Lizzy" Scray; a great-grandson, Jordan Evelsizer; in-laws, Ted (Lois) Wheeler, Connie (LaVern) Denault, Dorothy (Vearl) Brouillet, Carson Cross, David (Marge) Wheeler, Richard Wheeler, Daniel Babinski, and Linda Patterson.



# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-2342

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **26**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Visitation

JAN **27**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Chapel  
486 W. Merchant  
Kankakee, IL 60901

## Funeral Mass

JAN 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Chapel  
486 W. Merchant  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall

LK

“ We will miss seeing Ann at church service. It just won't be the same as to us she lit up the church as she came in. We always complimented her on how beautiful she looked. She was always a highlight for us to see at services at St. Rose. Her love of the church and the congregation were noticeable. Our deepest sympathies to the Wheeler families, especially Dallas and Mary. We are sending prayers.  
*Phil and Lynda Kambic*

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**Lynda Kambic** - January 24, 2025 at 05:09 PM

CH

“ My sincerest sympathy on the loss of this sweet lady. She was a pillar of the St. Rose Church community. I remember her being there back when I was just a little girl. May she rest in peace.

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**Cindy Cotsones Hebert** - January 24, 2025 at 01:48 PM

BK

“ What a sweet lady. In my memories from the St. Rose days. Sympathies to Dallas and the rest of the family.



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**Bill Korstick** - January 23, 2025 at 05:51 PM

SE

“ *Silvia Esparza lit a candle in memory of Anna Marie Wheeler*



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**Silvia Esparza** - January 22, 2025 at 12:52 AM

JJ

“ *Jolinda Jones lit a candle in memory of Anna Marie Wheeler*



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**Jolinda Jones** - January 21, 2025 at 06:46 AM

SW

“ *Condolences to all of her family. I worked for Looker Products in Milford for years and I got the pleasure of working with Ann & her son Scott on several of our catalogs. Ann was a very nice lady and always wanted the best for her customers. May you Rest in Peace.*



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**Sheila Wilken** - January 20, 2025 at 07:52 PM

GK

“ *I was in contact with Ann over the years in many different ways. She was indeed a very quiet, well spoken, super nice lady. My prayers go out to her family.*

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**Glendal Kilbride** - January 20, 2025 at 05:12 PM

CM

“ Your mom was a long time, faithful member of Tuesday Book Review. We the members express our deepest sympathy for your loss. Well done Anna! You've left your mark. May you rest in peace.



Claire McElroy - January 20, 2025 at 03:57 PM

RM

“ Our community has suffered a long. With the family of Anne who was very well respected and well-known for her contributions and her kindness. Our deepest sympathy to the family for your loss of this kind kind woman. She will be missed by many. May your memories bring you more laughter than tears and keep her close in your hearts.



Rose & Gary Mitchell - January 19, 2025 at 10:46 AM

PP

“ Anne and I so enjoyed our lunches together where we shared our many memories of the “old days” as well as what was going on presently at St. Rose Chapel and elsewhere. I will miss her so much. Love you Anne.

Patricia Posing - January 18, 2025 at 12:28 PM

MM

“ Marilyn Mulcahy lit a candle in memory of Anna Marie Wheeler



Marilyn Mulcahy - January 18, 2025 at 11:16 AM

CW

“ Cheryl Walsh lit a candle in memory of Anna Marie Wheeler



Cheryl Walsh - January 18, 2025 at 08:02 AM

AC

“ Ann was the matriarch of St. Rose chapel in Kankakee. An earth angel. Classy, intelligent, kind, caring and a great sense of humor. She will be missed. Amy Ciaccio-Jarvis

Amy Ciaccio-Jarvis - January 18, 2025 at 06:37 AM

DL

“ Debra Lambert lit a candle in memory of Anna Marie Wheeler



Debra Lambert - January 17, 2025 at 08:27 PM

CW

“ Christopher Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Anna Marie Wheeler



Christopher Wilcox - January 17, 2025 at 08:00 PM

DF

“ *Deb Foltz lit a candle in memory of Anna Marie Wheeler*



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**Deb Foltz** - January 17, 2025 at 02:06 PM