



Darlene L. Mason

May 16, 1926 - October 21, 2011

Darlene L. Mason was welcomed home Friday (Oct. 21, 2011) by her predeceased friends and family, including her husband, John Francis Mason.

Darlene was born May 16, 1926, in Bourbonnais.

Surviving are her children, Jacqueline Andreina, of Altorf, Barbara LeClair, of Union Hill, Cynthia Thorne, of Fishers, Ind., Patricia Superfine Rivera and Frank Rivera, of Miami, Fla., Mary Kay Rogers, of Makanda, John M. Rogers Jr., of Chatsworth, Ruth and Ray Shockley, of Madison, Wis., Sue Rogers, of San Rafael, Calif., Francie Mason Ferrara and Jay Ferrara, of Coto De Caza, Calif.; her stepchildren, Michael and Judy Mason, of Cedars Edge, Colo., Guy and Melody Mason, of Momence, Paula and Ron Mason LaFond, of Peoria, Cherie Mason, of Cedars Edge; she was known as "Mimere" to 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; her siblings, Marilyn (Midge) Daucanski, of Bradley, Wayne and Linda Benoit, of Centralia, Mo., and Steve and Caroline Benoit, of Exline; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Eugene L. and Edna L. Belisle Benoit; her siblings, Vernon (Tex) Benoit, Donola (Shine) Benoit Hildebrand; brothers-in-law, Casmir (Cas) Daucanski, Richard Hildebrand; sons-in-law, Ernest (Pooch) Andreina, Robert (Bob) LeClair; and great-grandchildren, Carla DeBoard and Nichole Herdman.

Darlene was a homemaker and a certified histology technologist for Kankakee State Hospital and Manteno State Hospital. She was a longtime parishioner at Maternity BVM Catholic Church and graduated from Notre Dame Academy and St. Joseph Seminary Catholic schools. She was a member of the Ladies of St. Anne Sodality. Later in life, Darlene was a member of St. Martin of Tours parish in Kankakee. As a resident at the Bickford House, Darlene thrived and enjoyed bingo, weekly outings, the Red Hat Society, and she holds the record for first prize Halloween costumes (for three years in a row). She also enjoyed doing word searches and was an avid reader.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of her life will be held 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at Bradley Bourbonnais Sportsmans Club.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Darlene was my father (Gerald Rivard)'s first cousin and lived right up the street from me while I was growing up. Remembering all the fun times at family reunions and other family get togethers.*

*My sincerest condolences to the Belisle/ Mason Family
Lisa Rivard-Tollard*



Lisa Rivard-Tollard - November 26, 2011 at 06:48 PM

KA

“ *Darlene always had a funny story to tell. I loved watching her sit and the kitchen table in Francie's house in Sammamish with her grandchildren, listening to the day's events after they came home from school. She was always a captive audience. We will miss her.*

Sincerely,

Kathy and Alok

Kathy Ahuja - October 25, 2011 at 12:28 PM

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“ *Claude Burns lit a candle in memory of Darlene L. Mason*



Claude Burns - October 25, 2011 at 05:35 AM

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“ *Dear Barbara and family - Our deepest sympathy to you all in the loss of your great mother. She was a gem to you all. Love, Shirley Barrone and family.*

Shirley & Richard Barrone - October 24, 2011 at 05:10 PM

SB

*Dear Ruth & Ray
Deepest sympathy to you, I know how much your mother meant to you.
Just know we are thinking of you
Love
Dave & Sally Blasingim*

Sally Blasingim - October 24, 2011 at 07:57 PM