



Genevieve Rice

January 18, 1921 - March 24, 2012

Visitation for Genevieve Marie Rice, 91, of Kankakee, will be from 10 a.m. Wednesday until the 11 a.m. funeral services at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. The Rev. Dennis Settles will officiate. Interment will follow at Maternity BVM Catholic Cemetery in Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to The Monastery of the Infant Jesus, 1501 Lotus Lane, Lufkin, TX 75904. She died Saturday (March 24, 2012) at her home.

Mrs. Rice worked at the Bear Brand Hosiery Co., Krogers, and also for the J.J. Newberry 5 and 10 cent store in Norfolk, Va. She was born Jan. 18, 1921, in Kankakee, the daughter of Emile P. and Anna B. Caron Drolet. Her husband, Wilbert Rice, whom she married April 24, 1943, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kankakee, preceded her in death Jan. 4, 2010. She was a charter member of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church. As a young woman, she had a passion for dancing and loved going to the Aragon and Trianon ballrooms in Chicago. She also enjoyed roller skating, riding her bicycle, baking and sewing. She played a mean game of ping pong and was known for her "wicked" serve. Later in life, she also enjoyed reading, a good jigsaw puzzle and the music of Danny O'Donnell. Genevieve was loved for her sharp wit, her love of a good prank, her humble and enduring spirit and commitment to family.

Surviving are three daughters, Mary Troncale, of Kankakee, Susan Heun, of

Washington, Ill., and Bonnie Rice, of Bozeman, Mont.; one foster daughter, Nancy and Jon Wells, of Austin, Texas; two sisters, Sybillina "Irene" Drolet, of Lufkin, Texas, and Pauline Drolet, of Piper City; one brother, Robert Drolet, of Santa Barbara, Calif.; two grandchildren, Melissa Troncale and Gilbert Field, and Aimee Troncale; two stepgrandchildren, Susan and Brian Mueller, and Patrick and Jennifer Heun; six stepgreat-grandchildren, Tyler Mueller, Jacqui Mueller, Nicki Mueller, Jerry Heun, Tom Heun and Hanna Heun; one stepgreat-great-grandson, Kazmir Mueller; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son-in-law, Harold Heun; one stepgrandson, Jerry Heun; seven brothers and two sisters.

Memorials may be made to Monastery of the infant Jesus, 1501 Lotus Lane, Lufkin, TX 75904

Cemetery Details

Maternity Cemetery

Corner of Canterbury Lane & William Latham
Dr.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *BEST. AUNT. EVER. Miss you Aunt Gen. You were always a pleasure to visit. And now you are together with Willie. I still hear your laugh like it was yesterday. My gosh, you were a prankster and loved to have a good time. God Bless you*

Larry Drolet - December 29, 2021 at 05:41 PM

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“ *I am Nancy Kaminsky Meli, I will always remember Gen and Willie and there beautiful yard full of flowers and the large vegetable garden. They were such a sweet couple. They were so proud of there 3 lovely girls. Gen's family are in our prayers.*

Nancy Kaminsky Meli - March 29, 2012 at 09:13 PM

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“ *I am the daughter of Robert and Bernita Caron, granddaughter of Jerry and Rachel Caron. I was visiting with my mother yesterday, and she had seen Genevieve's obituary in the paper. She shared her memories with me of my father taking her to visit "Gen" when they were newlyweds. My mother and I remember the warmth of my fathers' extended French family and share our condolences with you. Marianne Caron*

Marianne Caron - March 28, 2012 at 07:45 AM

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“ *Richard W. Miller lit a candle in memory of Genevieve Rice*



Richard W. Miller - March 27, 2012 at 10:52 AM

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As a kid I grew up on Tanner Ave across the street from the Rice family. We respected and liked both of them. I moved away in 1961 but would return to see Mom and I always enjoyed talking with the Rices whenever I had the opportunity.

Richard W. Miller - March 27, 2012 at 10:58 AM