



Grace Abrassart

May 13, 1926 - August 11, 2008

Grace Abrassart -- St. Anne Grace Adele Abrassart, beloved wife and mother, passed into the presence of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Monday (Aug. 11, 2008). She was born May 13, 1926, to William and Florence Ethel (Pement) Cochran. She attended Manteno High School, where she was a cheerleader and graduated from Harper High School in Chicago in 1944. She married her high school sweetheart, Rudy Abrassart, on Dec. 28, 1944. Grace worked at Wiebolt's and Standard Oil in Chicago, with Rudy at the St. Anne Coffee Shop, as a homemaker, at Permonite (1969-71), Manteno Mental Health Hospital (1971-85) as a technician, on the switchboard, and in the pharmacy. She retired from Shapiro Developmental Center in 1988. Grace possessed all the best personality and character traits: She was spunky, friendly, fun-loving, optimistic, warmhearted, kind, generous, gracious, compassionate, understanding, loving, loyal, faithful and self-sacrificing. She was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church of St. Anne for the past 57 years, where she served as a Sunday school teacher, and sang solos and duets with Rudy in the choir, and a quartet with their son and daughter. She is survived by Rudy, her husband of 63 years; her sister-in-law, Deloris Abrassart; three sons and daughters-in-law, Wes and Karen of Kankakee, Steve and Kim, Fred and Sharon, all of St. Anne; and two daughters and sons-in-law, Beth and Vaughn Whitesell of Greensboro, N.C., and Reba and David Worth of St. Anne. Grace has 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother and sister-in-law,

Fred and Margaret Cochran; her sister and brother-in-law, Virginia and Ted Nelson; two nephews,; her infant daughter, Rachel Marie; and her infant granddaughter, Sarah Kay. In her younger years Grace loved to rollerskate and swim; she was a midlife motorcyclist, and enjoyed embroidering, crocheting, quilting, reading, working crossword puzzles, and frequenting church and civic sales. She attended reunions and her Red Hat Society meetings regularly. She will be remembered for her beautiful singing voice and her smile, the outward expressions of her inner beauty. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. Thursday until the 11 a.m. services at the First Baptist Church, 205 W. Sheffield Street, St. Anne. The Rev. Ron Murphy will officiate. Memorials may be made to The Grace Abrassart Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 273, St. Anne, IL 60964. Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home, St. Anne, is in charge of arrangements.

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“ *I have always enjoyed visiting with Grace during the summer when I am home. She was always so full of life. I am happy that I had the opportunity to visit with she and Rudy this summer. It's still hard for me to believe she is gone. I am going to miss her.*###imported-begin###*Janice DeYoung*###imported-end##

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“ *Dear Rudy and Family,

I want to express my sympathy to you at Grace's passing. It is a comfort that she is with her Lord whom she loved and served for so many years. It has been a long time since my days in St. Anne but I have very fond memories of you and Grace and First Baptist. At this time of grieving, I pray that you all find comfort from each other, from friends, and from the prayers of friends around the country.

Sincerely,*
Vernice Ward###imported-begin###*Vernice Ward*###imported-end##

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“ My heartfelt sympathies go to Grace's family. I can't remember a single time that I didn't see Grace with a warm smile on her face. She always had time to say hello and share her smile. I was amazed the first time I saw Grace on her way out of town on her motorcycle; she was certainly more adventurous than I ever could be. I will especially miss her beautiful voice raised in praise to God. She certainly made the phrase "living for Christ" look easy.##imported-begin##Mary Easter##imported-end##

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“ We would like to express our deepest sympathies. It was always a pleasure to walk by Grace's house and see her sitting on the porch and smile and say Hi to us. She was a really sweet lady.##imported-begin##The Berns Family##imported-end##

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“ She was a beautiful person - inside and out!##imported-begin##Kathy Petro##imported-end##

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“ Grace will continue to live in our memory. The example of her life had a great, positive and lasting impact on ours. ĩ½Because of our mutual faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, we know we will see one another again and this certain hope gives us great joy in spite of our sorrow at this time. ĩ½Words are inadequate to express our deep feelings of love and admiration for both Grace and Rudy, but perhaps the following words will express, in a small way, our celebration of Grace's life:

"Some people come into our lives and quickly go...

Some stay for awhile... and leave footprints on our hearts,...

And we are never the same"

Because He Lives, we shall live also.

Our hope is in THE ONE who is the resurrection and the Life!

With love and prayers,

David and Jean

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“ Grace was a very special person and she will be missed by everyone that ever had a chance to meet and talk to her. ĩ½We wish we could attend the funeral, but our jobs keep us from it. ĩ½Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Ross & Dee Bertrand##imported-end##

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“ Any and all who knew Grace, knew what a blessing she was. ĩ½She will be greatly missed here, but will be welcomed with open arms in Heaven.##imported-begin##Paula Goodwin##imported-end##

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“ Grace was a beautiful person inside and out. She always had a smile on her face as far back as I can remember. Such an amazing person that will never be forgotten!

My thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time.

God Bless!

##imported-begin##Lisa Graves##imported-end##

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“ How blessed you are to have had such a wonderful woman in your lives. What a heritage. Praying that you will truly have peace and joy through the blessed hope that is yours.

How appropriate and thoughtful to send this announcement at the time of the service so we can be with you in thought and prayer.

Much love and prayers to the entire family.##imported-begin##Ken and Shelagh Johnson##imported-end##

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“ Although I had met Mrs Abrassart only once, I have heard so many good things about her through the years from her daughter(my daughter-in-law)Reba, and her son-in-law (my son)David.

 Grace Adele was a true blessing to her family, and to her friends, and she will be greatly missed by all.

With prayers for comfort for all who are suffering this loss, and for Mr Abrassart who will feel it so.##imported-begin##Marie Magill##imported-end##

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“ It was with great sadness that I heard of the passing of Gracie. I have known her for years but she became a "post office" friend as we happened to meet often as we were getting our mail. ¶½We stood around and talked about many things--especially our total knee replacements, comparing notes, I guess. ¶½I enjoyed visiting with her so much. She was always so happy and I will miss that big smile that she always wore. My sympathy to Rudy and her children.##imported-begin##lone Hebert##imported-end##

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