



Honore Custer Roat

November 8, 1915 - May 11, 2014

Honore Custer Roat, 98, of Kankakee, died Sunday (May 11, 2014) at Presence Our Lady of Victory in Bourbonnais. She was born Nov. 8, 1915, in Kankakee, the daughter of Louis and Olive Farman. A lifelong resident of Kankakee, she graduated from St. Patrick Grade School and St. Patrick High School and had attended St. Patrick Catholic Church her whole life.

Honore graduated in 1939 from St. Mary's School of Nursing, spending her working life as a nurse, starting as office nurse for Dr. Alvin Palow in 1939, working at St. Mary's Hospital until retiring in 1979. During her nursing career she held many part-time jobs, Industrial nursing at Armour Pharmaceutical, the Red Cross Blood Bank and giving lessons in early child care in Pembroke Township.

Honore was a member of St. Patrick CCW craft group, National Association of Red Cross Nurses and for many years served as the president of St. Mary's Hospital Nursing Alumnae.

Honore was the oldest of five children, sisters, Mary Ellen (Adrian) Rivard, Catherine Farman (Sister Rose Ann), Anne (Richard) Chandler, and brother, Louis Farman Jr. She was married to William Custer from 1942 until his death in 1968. She was married to Harold Roat from 1976 until his death in 1982. She was preceded in death by her mother, father, sisters, Sister Rose Ann

Farman and Mary Ellen Rivard; brother, Louis Farman Jr.; and daughter, Martha Custer Diedecker. Honore is survived by her son, Jon Custer, of Florida; daughters, Susan Knutsen-Cook, of Elburn, and Jean Russell, of Kingston, Wash.; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Cremation rites will be accorded. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 22, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. Private inurnment will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Kankakee. The family has asked in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family.

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary

2000 E. Court St.
Kankakee, IL

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

MAY **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
428 S. Indiana
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-6716

Tribute Wall

MD

“*Honore was a blessing to so many including myself and my family. She was such a kind and generous person. No matter how old or disabled she became she continued to look after others. Whatever she had she shared with others, whatever energy she had she used doing for others. Her greatest joy in life other than her family was being a nurse. She could regale you with stories for hours on end and she had a great sense of humor. Honore was a woman of great faith and always remembered her friends and family in her prayers. She will be greatly missed by many, myself included and she and her family will remain in my heart and prayers....*

Maureen



Maureen Dubuque - May 21, 2014 at 01:45 PM

JE

“*Honore and I became friends at Our Lady of Victory when she became a table mate of my mother. We would always spend a few moments talking as I brought my mother every night to dinner. She would always "spy" for me and tell me how my mother was eating and whether or not she needed additional help with her food. Many a night I would stand in the doorway and watch her cut moms food so it would be easier for her to eat. Her smile and giving attitude will surely be missed by all that knew her. I know she will be with mom and they will share more stories of growing old in an ever changing world. May God grant you eternal peace and may perpetual light shine on you always. Thank You Honore for being a bright spot in my mothers life.*

Jeff P Smith Sr.

Jeff - May 15, 2014 at 07:27 PM

MI

“ I have only known Honore for a couple of years. She shared her home at Our Lady of Victory with my mother Lorraine. They were the best of friends. The time I will always remember is when my mother Lorraine was ready to go to heaven. We had the parish priest at St Marys in Park Forest, Father Tri, come over to anoint my mother and we both started to pray the rosary. At that time, Honore was passing by to say hi and heard us praying. She stopped and stayed and said the complete rosary with us. I can still remember she had tears in her eyes cause she knew we both were about to loose a great friend. After Lorraine's passing, she continued to go to mass daily and always made a special intention for her friend, Lorraine. I will never forget Honore in my prayers. I know that my ma and Honore are both in heaven and talking about their stay at Our Lady and especially about their family. Rest in peace, Honore. See ya later, upstairs. Mike

Mike - May 15, 2014 at 06:24 PM

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Kim Overstreet - May 15, 2014 at 02:42 PM

AW

“ I met Honore when I worked at OLOV. Such a classy lady. She will be missed

Alice Wasson - May 15, 2014 at 11:43 AM

BR

“ I lost a friend - she also called me her sister. In the 2+ years I've worked at Presence, Honore and I have spent so many hours chatting and getting to know one another. I enjoyed her quick wit and sense of humor and her strong opinions on so many topics. When I worked in the evenings, she would always bring me something to snack on - from a half sandwich to a bag of chips or a cookie. I always told her she needed to eat and she would tell me she didn't need to gain any more weight. I think she fed half of the nursing home, always sharing any goodies she had. Honore was a giving, caring lady, and I will truly miss her.

Bonnie Ross - May 14, 2014 at 05:59 PM

NM

“ My sympathy to Susan, Jon and Jean at the loss of your mother. Fondlest memories of her as a caring neighbor and "other" mother as we were growing up in the Riverview Neighborhood.
~Blessings from Nora Mehrer-Walker

Nora Mehrer - May 14, 2014 at 04:32 PM

SH

“ Dear Family of Honore Custer Roat, Our prayers and sympathy are with you at this time of Honore's death. Honore was, " Our Lady of Victory's most dedicated volunteer" for many years in Pastoral Ministry and our resident who always loved to share the Scripture Readings during the Religious Services and give spiritual to those in need. Blessings from ,Presence Our Lady of Victory Family.

Sr. Martha Harrington,sscm - May 14, 2014 at 01:41 PM

LK

“ I was priviledged to get to know Honore while working at Our Ladt, she would come up to visit at the desk, everyday I worked and I know she also visited with the other receptionists too. She had many stories of the "old" days. She was a diligent note writer and card sender and corresponded with many friends and family. Our private joke was her love for the candy Sixlets. She would get so tickled when the seasonal colors came ot and I would bring her a bag(most of which she gave away). She was a kind intelligent woman ,and could be often seen helping others around her. God Bless her family and may all your great memories comfort you at this difficult time.

Loretta Krutsinger - May 14, 2014 at 10:59 AM