



## Katherine Rohner

October 3, 1925 - March 22, 2007

Katherine Rohner -- KankakeeKatherine E. Rohner, 81, of Kankakee, formerly of Hayward, died Thursday (March 22, 2007) at Provena Our Lady of Victory. Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service will be held April 1 in International Falls, Minn. Memorials may be made to Provena Our Lady of Victory or Harbor House. Arrangements are by Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. Ms. Rohner was a respiratory therapist for Home Health Care. She was born Oct. 3, 1925, in International Falls, Minn., the daughter of Henry B. and Lavina Smallwood Harris Rohner. She enjoyed puzzle books and reading, and raised three grandchildren as her own. Surviving are three sons and one daughter-in-law, Edwin Schroeder Jr. of Kankakee, Henry and Lorna Pinkoff of Sacramento, Calif., Louis Pinkoff of Alameda, Calif.; two daughters, Shirley Martz of Bradley, Janine Robinson of Arizona; 10 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

# Tribute Wall



“ My earliest memories of my grandmother include her permed red hair, Salem menthol ciggarettes, a green toyota hatchback, and her Singer sewing machine. She was always busy working, studying, or keeping house. After her first marriage, she worked in a ship yard during the war, and later married my grandfather, Jerome David Pinkoff, on the anniversary of Pearl Harbor. She worked and put herself through nursing school and became an LVN. I was a teenager and remember her constantly studying for her nursing tests. For some reason she could never get past 70-75% mark to become an RN, though she knew the material. But she never gave up. She would try and try again. I never told her how much I admired her for this. She was the smartest woman I knew. She was an avid reader and had stacks of National Geographic magazines near her night stand. I learned much about the outside world looking at images of people in far off lands. My grandmother lacked in social skills to some degree and did not always tell people what was on her mind. The first time I remember hearing her say the words "I love you" to me was when I was moving out of her house and into my own apartment. We became closer as I matured into a woman. All of the strength I have comes from her. She taught me that success comes through hard work. I still remember when she stopped smoking ciggarettes, cold turkey. Once she quite that was it. I was very proud of her. I wish I would have thought to let her know that. I guess she knows now. Grandma I love you. I miss you terribly. But I am at peace knowing that you are in god's hands now. I'll catch up with you again someday - Granny Grunt-Grunt!##imported-begin##Marie Rohner##imported-end##

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“ I am sorry to learn about Kay's passing. I have not seen her for about 60 years so much of what she experienced in life is unknown to me. I hope she had a good life. <br><br><br><br>The lakes and rivers in Int'l Falls are still pretty much ice covered but the Rainy River is opening up. There is a place called Ron's Landing that is open. It is just west of the Falls. Turn in by the Hoiday Inn on Shorewood Drive and go about 3/4 mile...that is an option for you. <br><br><br><br>I visited Aunt Lavina about 30 years ago, driving out with her cousin Tom Frampton and his wife Ruth. I was sorry to learn that she, too, passed away 3+ years ago. Lavina's brother, Elza, was my father.<br><br><br><br>Condolences to the family. <br><br><br><br>John Harris##imported-begin##John N Harris##imported-end##

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