



## Lana Magiera

December 3, 1944 - December 2, 2008

Visitation for Lana K. Magiera, 63, of Kankakee, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, Kankakee, where she was a member. Father Dennis Settles will officiate. Entombment will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made for her grandchildren's education. She died Tuesday (Dec. 2, 2008) at Riverside Medical Center. Mrs. Magiera was a registered nurse at St. Mary's Hospital for two years, Riverside Medical Center for 41 years in various capacities and was a nursing instructor at Kankakee Community College for 25 years. She was born Dec. 3, 1944, in Danville, the daughter of Ewin and Eleanor Clyden Leuck. She was a 1961 graduate of St. Patrick Central High School and graduated from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing. She was an organist at her church and was also a member of the parish council. She helped establish a committee responsible for a tuition reimbursement program at Riverside. She played for the Something Special Singers and enjoyed knitting and doing cross-stitch. Surviving are her husband, Myron "Mike" Magiera, whom she married June 20, 1964, at St. Teresa Church in Kankakee; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Marc Magiera and Lindsay Parkhurst, Matthew and Melissa Magiera, all of Kankakee; one daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Ric Acevedo of Orlando, Fla.; five grandchildren; and one brother and sister-in-law, Ed and Beth Leuck of Shreveport, La. Her parents are deceased.



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“ *I want to extend my deepest sympathy to the Magiera Family in the loss of a truly great lady. I worked with Lana at Riverside Hospital for the 20 years I was there, and I always looked up to her as a great person, as well as a nurse and supervisor. During one of our many discussions I also found out, she was my neighbor in the Skyline Subdivision in Kankakee. I worked in the Respiratory Therapy Dept. and we were often together in the Emergency Room. She will be greatly missed!##imported-begin##Barbara Dams##imported-end##*

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“ *She was an inspiration to me simply because she practiced what she preached. While she was my instructor by day, she continued to work, staying current in her practice. ĩ½She inspired me to go on and get my MSN. ĩ½She will be greatly missed...##imported-begin##Tammy Zaucha##imported-end##*

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“ My sympathy is extended to Lana's family in her passing. I worked with Lana for many of her years at KCC and was always appreciative of her high standards and dedicated service to her nursing students. She was an outstanding representative of the nursing profession, the teaching profession, and KCC in general. Please accept my condolences.##imported-begin##Larry Huffman##imported-end##

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“ I will remember Lana as one of my instructors when I went to KCC for my nursing education. I also worked at Riverside when she was there, but we worked in different department. She was a very nice, considerate, friendly instructor and made sure all her students were able to comprehend what she taught. Thanks to her a lot of girls and men were able to pass classes and state nursing boards.<br><br><br><br>She will always be with us through those memories. As our loved ones leave this earth, they leave so many memories that remain with us in our hearts.##imported-begin##Bonnie Fetters##imported-end##

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“ Our prayers to you, Mike, and all of the family in this sad time. Lana gave of her time, talent and good nature leading us in song. We are most grateful. She always amazed me with her quick mind, vast knowledge and spirit. She certainly will be missed. May the happy memories you all have fill the void in your hearts.<br><br>Nick and Shirley##imported-begin##Nick & Shirley Africano##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry for your loss, Mike. ĩ½It was a great reunion last year and happy to see Lana then.##imported-begin##Nanc (Kirk) Junker##imported-end##

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“ We were shocked to learn of Lana's passing, she was so young. ĩ½You and your family are in our prayers, Mike. ĩ½God Bless. ĩ½Tony & Pat##imported-begin##Tony Prince##imported-end##

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“ Mike, Mark, Matt and Lisa,<br><br>Lana came into my life as a nursing instructor and eventually a part time singing partner. Although years may have passed I will always remember her laugh, her wit and most of all her beautiful voice. She taught all of her students to be the best nurses they could be by her continued example of compassion and love for those she cared for. She touched so many lives. Wishing you all peace and comfort during this time.##imported-begin##Dustin J. Smith##imported-end##

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“ Sorry to hear of your loss. ĩ½Lana was my 1st cousin. ĩ½ĩ½I never really knew her very well but I'm still sorry to hear of her passing. ĩ½ĩ½I knew her parents Uncle Bud and Aunt Mickie a little better and also miss both of them.##imported-begin##Joseph Leuck##imported-end##

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“ To my dear cousin Lana's family: I½Lana, Gary Leuck and I were all born in 1944.<br><br>Me in May, Gary in September and Lana in Dec.<br><br>Lana and I played together for many years until they moved to St. Anne. I½I have many fond memories of that little blonde-haired fiesty cousin of mine. I remember when she ran her arm through a storm window and the inside of her elbow was all cut and later scarred.<br><br>After she moved we wrote letters to each other forever.<br><br>She was at my farm in Indiana when I held the Leuck reunion about 10 years ago. One of her children was with her, maybe Marc and his girlfriend.<br><br>PLEASE call me and tell me what happened! I½She was too young to die!<br><br>I found out about it from a letter from Sister Christine Dec 28. I½I wish the Leuck family had been notified. I½I would have attended her services.##imported-begin##Marianne Herboth (cookie)##imported-end##

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“ Lana was a thoughtful and tireless contributor of her time and talent. I½As our most recently voted-in Vice President for the 2008-2009 year she was cherished and admired by her acquaintances in the Project for her dedication and her numerous Census Transcriptions she completed for the Project.<br><br><br><br>She will be greatly missed.<br><br>Thank You Lana and GOD keep you.<br><br>Ron##imported-begin##Ronald Eason##imported-end##

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“ Lana was a very good coordinator, very quiet and sweet. I½We will all miss her.##imported-begin##Sandy Land##imported-end##

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“ Her capacity for caring knew no boundaries and touched the lives of everyone around her. Thank you, Lana, for being a part of our lives if only for awhile. We will be forever grateful for the countless hours, commitment and dedication that you gave to us. You will always be in our hearts. <br><br><br><br>##imported-begin##Linda Talbott##imported-end##

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“ Lana was not one of my nursing instructors but she did teach me every night in the ER. Lana enjoyed sharing her knowledge and skills with others. Lana helped me to become a nurse but more importantly she taught me what it means to be a nurse. Lana was also a good friend, she made me laugh, she advised me when I needed it, she listened, really listened. She was always there for me, from singing at my daughter's wedding to helping through my darkest hours, she was just always there for me. She never failed to bring me a fresh cup of coffee when she made a pot, she touched my life in so many ways big and small. I will miss her laugh, her friendship, her kindness and her giving heart. Lana touched the lives of people she never met through her students, that is her legacy. I will always cherish Lana's memory and the many things she taught me over the years. I am blessed to have had her as my friend.##imported-begin##Lisa Waskosky##imported-end##

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“ what an awesome woman...<br><br>she was my nursing instructor. my coworker...she made my kids' christmas stockings to hang above the fireplace ...but lastly she was my friend...we had some good talks, and much laughter.....i am deeply saddened but i know she lived a good life....full of things she loved....<br><br>she will be missed.....s##imported-begin##sharon brack##imported-end##

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“ Lana has touched so many lives,she will<br><br>truely be missed. Your family has the most heart felt sympathy for your loss.##imported-begin##NULL##imported-end##

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“ Mrs. Magiera was not only my favorite nursing instructor, but a true friend to me. ĩ½Her advice and help kept me going when it was tough. ĩ½I had the utmost respect for her as a nurse and a person. She was someone to truly look up to and admire. ĩ½This area will miss her greatly. ĩ½My wife and I extend our deepest sympathy to her family.##imported-begin##John Cooper##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time. Mrs. Magiera was a former instructor of mine at KCC and she was truly a wonderful woman.##imported-begin##Kim Miller##imported-end##

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“ Mike and family, you have my deepest condolences---what a loss to all of us.<br><br>I worked with Lana before the children were born and after until I moved to Arizon in 1982. Lana was one of a kind. ĩ½Always doing one project or another---sometimes 3 or 4 at a time---I still have some of the "Barbie" outfits she knitted in my attic. ĩ½As I eventually worked all 3 shifts, I was able to watch her interact with her students. ĩ½She really knew how to get thru to them. <br><br>We had a lot of good times working the 11-7 shift the nights no babies wanted to be born.<br><br>Sorry I missed seeing her the last time I was in town---she will be missed.##imported-begin##Alma "Marek" Shrigley##imported-end##

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