



Luella Alma Rockway

December 22, 1920 - July 13, 2023

Luella A. Rockway (née Guimond), long time school nurse with Kankakee School District 111 passed away on July 13, 2023, at the age of 102. She was born on a farm near Manteno, IL on December 22, 1920; the daughter of Alfred and Cordelia Guimond (née Mathew) and was the youngest of seven siblings. She attended a one room school through 8th grade, attended Our Lady Academy High School for two years, and completed her studies and graduated from Manteno High School in 1938. She attended De Paul Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis, MO graduating in May 1943.

She began her nursing career at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. She left nursing for a short period to become a pioneering air hostess with TWA in June 1946, flying on DC-3 and Constellation aircraft. She later received her B.A. In Education from Dayton University, Dayton, OH, graduating in the class of 1959. She worked for a period at Riverside Hospital and subsequently started as a nurse with District 111 in 1964 and spent the next 28 years caring for thousands of students.

She was a long-time parishioner of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church prior to relocating to Tampa, FL for her last years.

Her greatest joys were her surviving son, Sean (Ann); granddaughter, Christin; grandson, Colin; her extended family; her Catholic faith; and her years working with the many students and staff in the public schools of Kankakee.

Cremation Rites have been accorded.

The Memorial Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 12, 2023 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno. Reverend Thomas Theneth will celebrate the Mass. Inurnment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, Manteno.

Memorials may be made to The National Shrine of St. Anne, 230 North Sixth Avenue, St. Anne, IL 60964.

Arrangements are being handled by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Bourbonnais.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

9000 E. Road
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 263-6287

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

AUG 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Church
207 S. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 468-3403
<http://www.stjosephmanteno.com>

Tribute Wall

SA

“ Ms. Luella was so beyond amazing!! words cannot describe it. I had the pleasure of working with ms. Luella & I will never forget the amazing memories we had together. She brought joy into my life, every time I saw her, she had a big smile on her face, and she was so comforting to be around. I was able to talk to her about anything, and she would listen and give me her advice. She would share stories of when she would go dancing back in the day, and how that was so fun and a great memory she cherished. I am beyond blessed that I met Luella, she had a pure soul <3 I aspire to be like you, graceful, compassionate, caring, and especially loving. May you rest in peace. I love you always and forever. Thank you for making an impact on my life. Xox & thank you to Sean and his lovely wife for always being so sweet ! I appreciate you both!

Xxx

sabrina - October 09, 2023 at 01:01 PM

KG

“ I had the pleasure of working with Lu in the Kankakee School District for many years. She was unfailingly gracious to her colleagues and so very kind to all the students who came to her needing medical attention. She was a consummate professional who truly enjoyed her work. My sincere sympathy to her family.
Kay Green

Kay Green - August 09, 2023 at 10:39 PM

TM

“ Sean, Ann and family,

*We loved Aut Lu tremendously, always enjoyed our visits with her.
May she rest in peace.*

Trish & Terry Middleton

Trish M - August 08, 2023 at 11:22 AM

JJ

“ Jolinda Jones lit a candle in memory of Luella
Alma Rockway



Jolinda Jones - August 08, 2023 at 08:34 AM

JJ

“ Lu was a very compationate and special lady!

Jolinda Jones - August 08, 2023 at 08:33 AM

JE

“ Sean, I don't know if you remember me, but I
grew up in your neighborhood, 1 block south.
Your mom was a sweetheart. She was a good
neighbor & she will be missed. My
condolences to you & your family.



Julie Enright - July 23, 2023 at 04:36 PM