



Madonna F. Sheehan

November 11, 1924 - October 23, 2015

Madonna F. Sheehan, age 90 of Kankakee, Illinois died Oct. 23, 2015 at Aperia Care of Wilmington. She was born Nov. 11, 1924 to James William and Catherine C. McLaughlin Sheehan in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. Survivors include seven nieces and nephews, seventeen grandnieces and grandnephews and three great-grandnephews. She is preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Bernadette Hughes. Madonna attended the University of Rhode Island, graduating in 1946 with a Bachelor of Science in the relatively new field of Bacteriology. She then worked as a member of the team that invented the first synthetic antibiotic. She arrived in Kankakee in the 1970's to work at Presence St. Mary's Hospital as a supervisor in the laboratory. She loved to read and was a history buff, particularly knowledgeable about the US Civil War. Her greatest love, though, was for animals. She always had pet cats up until a few years before her final illness and even then she fed the stray cats in the yard behind her home.

Visitation will be from 10:30 am until the time of Mass at 11:00 am at St. Rose of Lima Church on Monday, November 2. Burial will follow at Mound Grove Gardens, Kankakee, Illinois.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-6726

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Church
486 W. Merchant St.
Kankakee, IL
(815) 933-9391
<http://www.strosekankakee.com/index.htm>

Funeral Mass

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Madonna and I worked together at St Mary's back in the early 70's . I was in high school at the time and thought I new everything about everything. Madonna was quick to set me strait, then in a rather quiet way would look up at me to see my reaction then a smile, I loved it. Later in the 80's I would see her in Jewel-Osco her cart filled with cat food reminding me to always be kind to the babies. I found a deep appreciation for animals from knowing her, may the God of your understanding be with you and your family at this time
Phill Leppert*

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