



Mary Ellen Rivard

May 25, 1918 - April 8, 2008

Mary Rivard -- Kankakee Visitation for Mary Ellen Rivard, 89, 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 St. Patrick Catholic Church. The Rev. John Peeters will officiate. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church, where she was a lifelong member; a member of the CCW; active volunteer; sacristan and Eucharistic minister. She died Tuesday (April 8, 2008) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital. Mrs. Rivard retired in 1985 from Shapiro Developmental Center after 25 years of service. She was born May 25, 1918, in Kankakee, the daughter of Louis and Mary Olive McDonald Farman. Her husband, Adrian Rivard, whom she married Nov. 20, 1941, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, died Dec. 31, 1960. She was a volunteer at the Kankakee County Historical Museum and at Shapiro. Surviving are six sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Linda Rivard of Keizer, Ore., Joseph and Sherry Rivard of St. Louis, Mo., John and Mindy Rivard of Arvada, Colo., Dr. Stephen and Christine Rivard of Glenview, Philip and Patty Rivard of Grand Rapids, Mich., Mark and Susan Rivard of Bloomington; four daughters and sons-in-law, Frances and Herb Barnett of Memphis, Tenn., Marguerite and Al Cote of Chebanse, Catherine and Lee Hahs of McCormick, S.C., Mary and Jeff Martin of Kankakee; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Honora Roat and Anne Chandler, both of Kankakee; and one brother and sister-in-law, Louis Charles and Patricia Farman. Deceased are one son,

James Adrian Rivard; and one sister, Rose Anne Farman.

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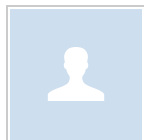


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“ *Mary was a dear friend of my parents, Al and Catherine Taylor of Bonfield. ĩ½My condolences to her family and her dear sister, Anne Chandler. ĩ½##imported-begin##Mary Pat Taylor Barney##imported-end##*

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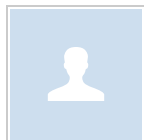


“ *Mrs. Rivard lived her life as a wonderful example of fierce courage, brute strength, raw determination, compassionate reason and unconditional love. She will be sadly missed.

Daniel E. J. Mackin

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“ *She was a widow. A mother of 11. A grandmother. A great-grandmother. A loving sister. A cancer survivor. ĩ½A devout Catholic. A kind soul. An example for all. And will be missed by many. ĩ½God Bless You Mary.##imported-begin##Christine Jett-Rivard##imported-end##*

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“ Aunt Mary was wise beyond her years. Her smile and wry sense of humor are my most vivid memories. She was truly a disciple of God especially when it came to feeding the masses of children that descended upon her home. She magically made the loaves of bread, jello salads and potatoes multiply to fill our bellies. There was always a few prayers that aided her in this miracle! We love you Aunt Mary and will carry you in our hearts.

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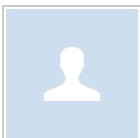
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“ Mary & Jeff,

We were so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. ĩ½Mary, you were a kind, loving and devoted daughter and I know how much you will miss her. ĩ½You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.###imported-begin###Carol Chapman###imported-end##

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“ ĩ½What a great lady Mary was. ĩ½She was a great friend and help over the years to my mother, Helen LoBue, and for that I will always be grateful. Sometimes I would go to mass with the ladies when I was visiting my Mom during the week. ĩ½We would frequently go to hardee's afterwords for breakfast. ĩ½On the way out we, at least my mom, would always take a few extra jelly packets. ĩ½It was a hoot. ĩ½St. Pat's has lost some great ladies over the last few years. ĩ½If heaven doesn't open its arms immediately for people like Mary, we are all in a lot of trouble. Thank you to the family for allowing us to share Mary's great spirit. ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½###imported-begin###Don LoBue###imported-end##

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“ Always respected, admired, and treasured Aunt Mary's calm and steady presence i ½ through out the years. My deepest sympathies to all my cousins and their families.##imported-begin##George Rivard##imported-end##

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“ So so sorry to hear of Mary's death. She was such a lovely LADY, so kind

and so generous. i ½ She was in my small

RENEW group and just loved to hear

her stories. i ½ She was such a remarkable

person to have raised so many children

alone after the death of her husband.

You are in our prayers and thoughts as

you move on without this wonderful

person in your lifes.

Mary, Mackenzie and i ½ AnnaKate Hutchinson##imported-begin##mary c. hutchinson##imported-end##

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“ Our sympathy and prayers are with Phil and Patty and all the Rivard family.##imported-begin##Lisa Frey##imported-end##

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“ Sorry to read of your loss, but she did have a good long life and raised a wonderful family.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you, as we are still in Texas and expect to return to St. Anne in a couple of weeks. Bob & Ardis Boone##imported-begin##Bob & Ardis Boone##imported-end##

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“ Sorry to hear of your mother's passing. You & your family are in my thoughts & prayers. May the Lord comfort and strenghten you at this time. Love, Jane

So sorry to hear about your mother ĩ½Our prayers are with you - Mary Stark

##imported-begin##Jane Mathy##imported-end##

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“ Dear Rivard Clan...am so sorry to hear of Mary Ellen's passing...hope she looked up Daisy on her first day in Heaven...I will always look to your mom as the standard other mothers are judged by. ĩ½My Sympathies to all of you, especially Steve and Phil##imported-begin##T Doyle Leverett##imported-end##

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“ Our Aunt Mary is a Saint in all ways. ĩ½She was humble, hard working, and dedicated to God and her church. ĩ½Her family was the most important in her life. ĩ½She raised my cousins with a fierceness no one can imagine. ĩ½I am so proud of my family and I often tell my friends of my cousins and Aunt's story in life and how our Aunt Mary raised 10 children who have become so successful in life. ĩ½Beautiful families, good jobs or professions and beautiful people themselves as their mother is.

Thank you Aunt Mary for enriching every person you ever encountered in life. ĩ½You will be missed, and you will be always loved. ĩ½

 ĩ½To my beloved cousins, you have my sympathies and my heart. ĩ½God Bless you all and may he hold you so close to his heart to help you through this time of loss and sadness.

...your cousin

Luanne##imported-begin##Luanne (Rivard) Brown##imported-end##

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“ Dear Phil, Patty and all the Rivards, We send our thoughts and prayers to all of you at this time of loss. $i\frac{1}{2}$ May all the wonderful, happy memories of the past replace your sadness with joy.
 $i\frac{1}{2}$ ##imported-begin##Nick & Shirley Africano##imported-end##

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