



## Melba Rose Rieke

May 27, 1931 - May 8, 2015

Melba Rose (Riegel) Rieke, 83, of Bonfield, passed away on Friday (May 8, 2015) at Faith Place in Danforth.

She was born May 27, 1931, in Salina Township, the daughter of Ernest and Rosella (Lehnus) Riegel. She married Dale Vernon Rieke on April 19, 1952, at the Evangelical United Brethren Church (now Bonfield Evangelical United Methodist Church in Bonfield). He preceded her in death on Dec. 15, 2010.

Survivors include sons, Larry and Kathy (O'Connor) Rieke, of Zionsville, Ind., and Alan Rieke and Jennifer Mithchell, of Custer Park; daughters, Linda and Tom Willibey, of Kankakee, and Cindy and Mike Colston, of Cary, N.C.; sister, Darlene Charter, of Bonfield; brother-in-law, Arden and Pat Rieke, of Dwight; sister-in-law, Carol and William Hemenover, of Dwight; seven grandchildren, Matt Willibey, of Chicago, Alexa, Jake and Jordan Colston, of Cary, N.C., Sarah and Peter Schlifke, of Zionsville, Ind., Tyler and Natalie Rieke, of Baltimore, Md., Conner Rieke of Zionsville, Ind.; and two great-grandchildren, William and Emily Schlifke, of Zionsville, Ind.

In addition to her husband, preceding her in death were her parents; infant sister, Geraldine Riegel; daughter, Sharon Rieke; and brother-in-law, Jerry Charter.

Visitation will be 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, also at the funeral home, with the Rev. Melvin Nielsen officiating. Burial will take place in Maple Grove Cemetery, Bonfield.

Memorials may be made to Maple Grove Cemetery, Bonfield Evangelical United Methodist Church, or Prairieview Lutheran Home in Danforth.

Melba was the secretary for the administration board committee and the membership recorder in her church for many years. She also kept records for the Maple Grove Cemetery. Melba enjoyed her genealogy recording in her family tree books. The past two and a half years, Melba has participated and enjoyed activities, devotions, listening to music and visiting every flower in the backyard at the dementia unit, Faith Place. She leaves behind many friends, including the staff and residents at Faith Place, with lots of her smiles and entertaining comments. First and foremost, Melba was happiest caring in every way for her family and being the best wife and mother she could be.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Grove Cemetery

Bonfield, IL 60913

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

MAY 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ You all have my dearest sympathy of Aunt Melba ' s passing away. Sorry , I can't be there due too I have too work. I would love too see everyone again. I always enjoyed going to their house : playing pool , swinging on the swing and playing with the turtles. She will be deeply missed. She'll finally be with God and Uncle Dale. God be with her and with all you. We all have fond memories of the Rieke clan and get togethers. Love , Sue.

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**Sue Rieke** - May 14, 2015 at 12:05 AM

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“ Melba and I Eleanor Rice Antosz went to Bonfilday schoolMelba still as pretty. She was a great Mom and kept the best records for everyone. She will be missed.. I live at Decatur,Il

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**Eleanor J Antosz** - May 13, 2015 at 08:46 PM

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“ RIP in peace Mrs. Rieke  
to all the families I am sorry for your loss  
in our thoughts and prayers  
John P. Papineau

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**John P. Papineau** - May 13, 2015 at 11:13 AM