



Rita Clanahan

March 7, 1923 - September 25, 2007

Rita Clanahan -- Kankakee Rita Louise Clanahan, 84, of Kankakee, died Tuesday (Sept. 25, 2007) at Miller Center. According to her wishes, her body has been donated to science. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at a later date. Inurnment will be in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. Arrangements are by Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. Mrs. Clanahan was an industrial nurse at Gould Battery for 13 years and then at Shapiro Developmental Center, where she retired after 19 years. She was born March 7, 1923, in Kankakee, the daughter of Paul and Mary Louise Aubin Legris. Her husband, Richard Wayne Clanahan, whom she married Sept. 7, 1963, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee, died Jan. 23, 2001. She was a 1943 graduate of Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School and a 1946 graduate of St. Mary's School of Nursing. She was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, the Kankakee Art Club and Triple K Square Dance Club. She was an accomplished artist in oil. Surviving are one sister, Mary Forgacs of Bourbonnais; two brothers and sisters-in-law, George and Maizie Legris of Walla Walla, Wash., Lawrence and Kathie Legris of Eugene, Ore.; and many nieces and nephews. Five brothers and three sisters are deceased.

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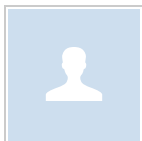


“ On hearing of Aunt Rita's passing my heart is heavy but my memories are full. We had a great time at the picnics at her house and every year I smile when I put the ornaments on my tree that she gave me. She was so wonderful to my siblings and me, and everytime I hear "Patty-Cake" it reminds me of that nickname she gave me.

She will be missed, but I'm sure her reunion with her loved ones in heaven is grand.

##imported-begin##Patty Benzing##imported-end##

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“ I wanted to express my condolences to the family.

Rita was my mother's very close friend beginning in the years they worked together at Gould's.

Unfortunately my mother, Evelyn, is in a nursing home with Alzheimer's disease.

During my childhood, Rita was a role model for me. She was educated and independent and I admired her very much!

##imported-begin##Denise LaFine##imported-end##

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“ God bless Aunt Rita...what a giving person she was to everyone who knew her. When I put the ornaments she made on my Christmas tree this year I will be saying a special prayer for her. Although she didn't have children of her own, she sure took care of all of us. Thank the Lord for the wonderful staff who took care of her at Miller and her sister, our Aunt May, who was always there to help. We'll miss you Aunt Rita.##imported-begin##Mary Solon##imported-end##

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“ I was so blessed to have Aunt Rita as my Godmother. She was a person of great faith, caring, loving, and had a wonderful laugh! I'll always remember fondly all of the Legris family picnics at her and Uncle Wayne's home. She is now with her mother, father, husband, and all of her siblings. I'm sure my mom is greeting her with St. Peter. Thank you to everyone who helped to care for her these past few months. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Becky Tarbox##imported-end##

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“ I fondly remember Aunt Rita. She was so important to so many people. She showed us all how to be caring and compassionate to everyone. She devoted her life to her nursing career and after retirement, continued to be there - helping anyone who needed it. She never complained - just kept on doing what God called her to do. She will be missed by me and my siblings as we remember those many visits from her and Uncle Wayne - coming to our goofy Christmas and Thanksgiving plays and hearing our sad singing. She was an amazing example. She continues to help by donating her body. God Bless you Aunt Rita and have mercy on your soul. I love you.##imported-begin##Lynn Warren/Vivian Warren##imported-end##

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“ I worked with Rita at Shapiro when she was a Nurse there, as I did office work for her, so we knew each other well. Just want to extend my sympathy and will be praying for the repose of her soul, will remember her in daily prayers. She was a thoughtful, kind person to everyone at Shapiro. Keep the good memories in your heart and mind, as I am sure she is at a much better place than where she was. Arlene##imported-begin##Arlene B. Devine##imported-end##

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“ Aunt Rita was an incredible woman! ĩ½She lived her life to the end always looking for ways to care for others..offering an encouraging word & smile...& keeping them in her prayers. ĩ½She was a mentor to me, supporting me in my desire to pursue a nursing career & the dearest of friends! She touched me & my family in more ways than I can relate & my sons, Tom & Aaron, are still saying what a great & special person she was & how they admire her. Now, she's with those who loved her so & went before her!!! ĩ½And so, it's not good bye, but "until we meet again". ĩ½We Love You George!##imported-begin##MARY BETH STINE##imported-end##

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“ My heart smiles when I think of Aunt Rita. ĩ½She was such a strong and loving person, with a terrific laugh. ĩ½Every Christmas our family talks about her, as we hang the beautiful hand made ornaments - and "store bought as well" - she gave us. ĩ½And so many fabulous memories of Legris reunions at her and Uncle Wayne's home! ĩ½Nice to know she's having the most special family reunion of all now.

Loving thoughts.....##imported-begin##Toni Legris Keegan##imported-end##

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“ We were so sorry to hear of Rita's passing. ĩ½She was in the room across the hall from us when we were at Miller Nursing Home about 1 1/2 years ago. ĩ½She was a lovely, giving person. ĩ½We shared the Journal. ĩ½We would get it, give it to her and she would pass it on to other people. ĩ½We'll remember her in our payers.

Marjorie##imported-begin##Marjorie Flint##imported-end##

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