



## Rita J. LaMontagne

April 29, 1923 - January 17, 2015

Rita Joan LaMontagne, 91, of Bourbonnais, passed away peacefully on Saturday (Jan. 17, 2015) at her home.

She was born April 29, 1923, in Ashkum, the eldest daughter of Albert and Marie (Keliher) Memenga. She married Armond "Joe" LaMontagne on July 25, 1979. He survives.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. Saturday until the 11 a.m. funeral Mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Kankakee. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Surviving are her children, Jerald Holz, of Boise, Idaho, daughter and son-in-law, Joan (Holz) and Ken Giroux, of Bourbonnais, and stepdaughter, Cindy LaMontagne, of Warner Robbins, Ga.; grandchildren, Sara and John Wolfsmith, Lee Giroux and Rachel Evans, Julia Holz and Ricky Kramer and Jaclyn Horton and Michael Carrico; great-grandchildren, Ryan and Andrew Wolfsmith and Walker Evans; her sister, Marilyn Walters; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; sisters and brother-in-law, Alyce and Russell Strahl and Mary Margaret Memenga. Her ex-husband, Rudolph Holz, passed away in 2007. Her beloved Shi Tzu, Ito, also preceded her in death

and will be united with her at the rainbow bridge.

She was a medical secretary for many years, and was the administrative assistant to the president at Commonwealth Credit Union until her retirement. She was active in many organizations, including: Delphi Civic Organization, Tuesday Book Review, Junior Women's Club and Women's Club of Kankakee, and she served as a volunteer at the Kankakee County Museum, chairing the annual Rhubarb Festival several times. She was the founder and queen mum of the Red Hat Nanas.

Rita enjoyed many hobbies, including reading, sewing and porcelain painting. She was a wonderful cook and collected cookbooks, always trying and perfecting new recipes. Whatever she did in life, she did to the fullest.

Most of all, Rita loved spending time with her family, and they all treasure the time they had with her. They will all miss her loving guidance, her sense of humor and her overwhelming generosity. She was described as the epitome of a lady, the definition of a good, strong woman, and God's definition of what a mother should be.

She always had angel's wings, now she gets to use them.

# Cemetery Details

## Maternity Cemetery

Corner of Canterbury Lane & William Latham  
Dr.  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JAN **31**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
428 S. Indiana  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-6716

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# Tribute Wall

JS

“ *My sympathy and prayers are with Rita's family. She was a beautiful lady and will be missed.*

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**Joan Siefert** - February 27, 2015 at 05:18 PM



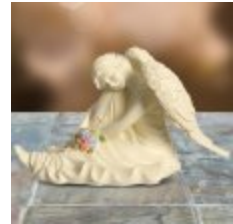
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February 11, 2015 at 11:37 AM



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February 11, 2015 at 11:34 AM

TH

“ *We always enjoyed Rita's visits to Boise. She was a very special lady. Our sympathy to the family on your loss. Teri and Joe Harbacheck*

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**Teri Harbacheck** - February 01, 2015 at 05:55 PM

LM

“ Rita was a dear cousin. Our Mothers grew up together and stayed close all their lives. Because we lived so far from each other, we didn't get to see each other very often, but I did see her at a class reunion several years ago and it was like we'd seen each other everyday. She was always such a classy lady and I was proud to call her "family". My sincere condolences to all the family. Leta O'Connor McCormick - Sun City, Az.

Leta O'Connor McCormick - January 31, 2015 at 03:48 PM

JS

“ My sympathy to the family and she will rest in peace among the angels.  
Joan Siefert

Joan Siefert - January 31, 2015 at 10:04 AM

ML

“ Michelle Jacob @ Riverside Senior Life lit a candle in memory of Rita J. LaMontagne



Michelle Jacob @ Riverside Senior Life - January 31, 2015 at 08:57 AM

JK

“ Joy C. Kern lit a candle in memory of Rita J. LaMontagne



Joy C. Kern - January 30, 2015 at 03:19 PM

JK

“ I will always remember her kind, loving and generous spirit and how well she treated me while I worked for her for over 3 years. When God made Rita he threw the mold away!, she was truly one of a kind and I will miss her very much! May God surround the family with peace and comfort at this very sad time.

Lovingly,  
Joy C. Kern

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**Joy C. Kern** - January 30, 2015 at 03:18 PM

PW

“ So sorry for the families loss. I always remembered Rita from GF/CW Credit Union. A very nice lady.

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**Pat Watson-Billadeau** - January 29, 2015 at 05:14 PM

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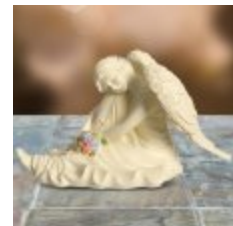
“ Rita WAS A LOVING ADDITION TO OUR FAMILY. WE ARE GREATFUL THAT ARMOND CHOSE HER TO JOIN US. SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. TRAVEL TO GODS PEACE WITH OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS. THE DUBY FAMILY (LINDA LAMONTAGNE-DUBY)

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**LINDA (LAMONTAGNE) DUBY** - January 27, 2015 at 10:23 AM

LF

“ Linda (Lamontagne)/Gene Duby & Family purchased the Platinum - Serene Angel for the family of Rita J. LaMontagne.



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**Linda (Lamontagne)/Gene Duby & Family** - January 27, 2015 at 10:01 AM

CK

“ Rita was a wonderful women,it was a honor to know and work for her.Rest in peace,Rita,hope you are with your beloved lto.

Christine Kolozie - January 21, 2015 at 10:09 PM

JB

“ Rita will be missed. She was a gracious host and friend to my brother, my wife and me. Her record of goodness will rest forever in the book of life.

John L. Bradley - January 21, 2015 at 05:21 PM

SA

“ Rest in Paradise Rita. You will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathies to your family.  
-the Rabideaus

sara - January 21, 2015 at 01:21 PM

DR

“ Mrs. Lamontangue, Rita will be dearly missed. She greatly appreciated her care and I enjoyed being able to help and comfort her. With heart-felt sympathy and may her soul rest in peace.  
Deborah Regnier CNA



Deborah Regnier - January 20, 2015 at 01:14 AM

RJ

*Rita was always a gracious lady and a loving person. She was our Queen Mother in Red Hats and a great example to us all. I will always cherish her beautiful Thank You notes. Rest In peace Rita! Love, Rochelle Murphy Joseph*

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**Rovchelle Murphy Joseph** - January 21, 2015 at 05:40 PM

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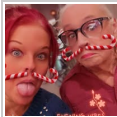
*Rita was my mentor and friend. She was there for me after I lost my Mom at a young age and offered encouragement, advice, wisdom and style. I never remember a day that she wasn't dressed to a tee. What a wonderful lady! Truly going to miss her. Trudy Lambert*

**Trudy Lambert** - January 23, 2015 at 05:26 PM

JD

*Rita was a great lady. I will always remember her as my Aunt Rita. She was so kind & thoughtful to me through a rough time in my life. My deepest sympathy to her family. I know she will be missed. Jeanie (Denoyer) Darr.*

**Jeanie M Darr** - January 23, 2015 at 08:49 PM



*Jerry, sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. Lynn Reilly Jackson*

**Lynn Jackson** - January 29, 2015 at 10:55 AM