



Rita M. Raguse

July 27, 1921 - March 3, 2012

Visitation for Rita M. Raguse, 90, of Harrisburg, formerly of Kankakee, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at Maternity BVM Catholic Church, Bourbonnais.

Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Pallbearers will be Dan and Steve Dattilo, Mike and Jon Pritchett, and Ryan and Austin Green. Memorials may be made to Provena St. Mary's Hospital Foundation. She died Saturday (March 3, 2012) in Saline County.

Mrs. Raguse worked at General Foods Coupon Redemption Center. She was born July 27, 1921, in Dayton, Ohio, the daughter of Phillip and Mary Desaro Dattilo. Her first husband, George E. Proffitt, whom she married in 1946, died in 1951. She later married Clifford Raguse in 1953. He died in 2000. She was a veteran of the U.S. Army. She was a corporal in the Women's Army Corps, where she was an airplane instrument mechanic and earned several medals, including the Victory Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the American Theatre Ribbon and the WAAC Service Ribbon. She was an active member of the Bradley American Legion Post 0766 and a volunteer at Catholic Charities. She enjoyed playing golf and cards.

Surviving are one son, Tom Raguse, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; two daughters

and sons-in-law, Linda and Dale Goodman, of Bourbonnais, and Susan and Jess Pritchett, of Harrisburg; grandchildren, Mike and Kate Pritchett, of Quincy, Mike and Shannon LaFrance-Corum, of Bourbonnais, Bill and Jennifer Allen, of Grand Canyon, Ariz., Jon and Olivia Pritchett, of Nevada City, Calif., Shannon and Lisa Sweeney, of Herscher, and Polly Turner, of Pascagoula, Miss.; 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one grandson, Stan Pritchett; and two brothers, Anthony and Charles Dattilo.

Memorials may be made to Provena St. Mary's Hospital Foundation - http://www.provena.org/stmarys/home_psmhfoundation.cfm?id=261

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvmchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

CS

“ *Carla Scheppler lit a candle in memory of Rita M. Raguse*



Carla Scheppler - April 17, 2012 at 05:26 PM

TK

“ *Sending love and prayers to all of Rita's family. Such fun high school memories of "hanging out" at our houses, Linda. Our moms were so tolerant. Nothing but smiles on your mother's face now!*
Toni Legris Keegan

Toni Legris Keegan - March 14, 2012 at 08:59 AM

KM

“ *Our condolences to Tom and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Kelly & Tammy McLaren

Kelly McLaren - March 08, 2012 at 07:41 PM

SG

“ *Linda, Susan and Tom, Sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a good soul and was very good to me and my family when we visited Kankakee. I always remember her pulling out pictures of Family and Family occasions and just not one picture, a whole book. Sorry I will not be able to attend her services I'm going to my yearly scrapbook retreat with 18 other ladies. Let us know how you are doing. Don't be strangers Sandy Gaffney*

Sandra Gaffney - March 08, 2012 at 09:29 AM

KE

“ *Rita will be missed by all. My sympathies go out to Tom and all of her family. Praying that you will find peace. Many of us know it is difficult to lose a mother no matter our age or theirs. God be with all of you.*

Karen Ernst-Kendall - March 08, 2012 at 07:48 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Linda Goodman - March 07, 2012 at 09:49 PM

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“ *Polly Turner lit a candle in memory of Rita M. Raguse*



Polly Turner - March 07, 2012 at 08:02 PM

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“ *RIP Great Grandma Rita. You will be missed but forever be in our hearts. We had shrimp scampi for you last night! Love you ALWAYS, Ziggy, Ava, Anthony, Olivia and Jon*

olivia pritchett - March 07, 2012 at 03:47 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Grandma Rita*



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olivia pritchett - March 07, 2012 at 03:39 PM