



## Rita Regnier

January 10, 1925 - February 28, 2008

Rita Regnier -- Kankakee Visitation for Rita N. Regnier, 83, of Kankakee, will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, and from 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, until the 11 a.m. celebration of the funeral Mass. Cremation rites were accorded by Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Crematory. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Patrick's Catholic Church, where she was a member. She died Wednesday (Feb. 27, 2008) at the Miller Center. Mrs. Regnier was a retired secretary from the architectural firm of Moline and Seaton. She had also worked for the R.M. Kerst Insurance Agency and the Kankakee Chamber of Commerce, where she was secretary to Ron Henrekin, director of the Chamber, for five years. She was born Jan. 10, 1925, in Odell, the daughter of Leo G. and Edith Franey Noonan. Her husband, Orville "Pete" Regnier, whom she married July 5, 1947, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, died Jan. 19, 1976. She graduated from St. Paul School, Odell and Gallagher School of Business in Kankakee. She was a lifetime member of the Kankakee County Historical Society, where she volunteered as membership chairman. She also volunteered at Provena St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary. She was a member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Service Sorority. She enjoyed traveling and was able to trace her Irish roots in County Clare Ireland. She also enjoyed bridge and especially her family. Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jeanne and Ronald Levin of Carmel, Ind., Joan and Paul Germano of Kankakee; one son and daughter-in-law, James L. and Jan Regnier of St. Louis, Mo.; four

grandchildren, Kristin Levin Shuler, Elizabeth Regnier, Eleanor Germano, Sean Regnier; one great-granddaughter, Alexandra Shuler; one sister, Genevieve Trainor of Peoria; and two sisters-in-law, Daah Franey of Chatsworth, and Mary Jane Noonan of Arizona. Deceased are her parents and two brothers, Leo Noonan and Donald "Bud" Noonan.

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“ I just wanted to let the family know what a wonderful friend their mother was to me. I had the pleasure of doing Rita's hair no fewer than 1,000 times,,more than 20 some odd years.Every week was filled with stories of you all and smiles from ear to ear.I enjoyed every appointment, she was always kind and truly a classy lady. I will envision her now at Rita's Golden Pond enjoying the heaven she truly deserves. I will remember you all in my prayers for i know you will truly miss her.##imported-begin##tracey##imported-end##

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“ Ms. Joan, Paul and Ellie - We are so sorry for your loss. i¿½From reading the other tributes it sounds as if your mother was a wonderful woman. i¿½Even though we did not know her, we could already tell she was special. i¿½It's evident in the amazing daughter she raised and in turn the granddaughter too! i¿½We are unable to attend the wake for we have also had a death in the family out of town. i¿½Please take comfort in knowing there are many people thinking of you at this difficult time. i¿½We love you Ms. Joan!##imported-begin##Kenny, Ricki, Veronica and Jenabeth Kravat##imported-end##

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“ Aunt Rita was my closest aunt growing up that I remember. i;½She was married to my dad's brother, Pete, and our families often celebrated birthdays together when we were younger. i;½Those were good time and fond memories. <br><br><br><br>My husband, Tom, and son, Scott, and I all extend our heartfelt condolences to cousins, Jeanne, Joan and Jim and their families and wish so much we could be there with you to extend them personally.<br><br><br><br>##imported-begin##Lynne, Tom & Scott Gleeson##imported-end##

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“ Rita was a very special aunt. I always cherished her kindness and compassion. <br><br><br><br>I feel terrible that I am traveling so much and will not be able to be attend her service. <br><br><br><br>Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.<br><br><br><br>Love you all!<br><br>Karen Kern (Regnier) & family <br><br><br><br>##imported-begin##Karen (Regnier) Kern##imported-end##

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“ We're with you all in spirit. I will forever remember "Pete & Reet" and the great times I had with your family. Love and hugs from far away California.##imported-begin##sandy mackey##imported-end##

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“ We are so sorry to read of Rita's passing. ĩ½She was such a blessing to so many. ĩ½Our first apartment after marriage was on Evergreen and we used to holler across 37yrs ago as Rita and Pete sat in the swing on their porch. ĩ½You will all be in our prayers. ĩ½May the Lord draw your hearts and give you comfort. ĩ½God bless you.##imported-begin##Tim & Cindy Cordes##imported-end##

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“ Jean, Jim and Joan, You guys did a wonderful job of focusing on celebrating Aunt Rita's life. The tributes that have been made to her here also reflect on just what a life it was. This is apparent not only in the tributes made by those that were fortunate enough to have known her, but also from those who knew you guys and offered such caring comments. You are a reflection of what Aunt Rita was, a beautiful soul.##imported-begin##Rita A. Trainor##imported-end##

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“ We are very sorry about to hear about your mom. ĩ½We know that you were very close. ĩ½In our hearts we feel that we know her from all of the nice things that you and Jan have shared with us. ĩ½We are glad that Sean was able to meet her, he talked about her. ĩ½Rita has been and will continue to be in our prayers. ĩ½A mass will be said at Ascension Parish.##imported-begin##Neil and Shirley Goldman##imported-end##

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“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss. In times like this, it is best to reflect on the happiness she brought into your lives and to remember that she is in Heaven and at peace. Our Catholic church, Our Lady Star of the Sea, will be having a mass held on her behalf. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##the Palsen Family##imported-end##

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“ It was always a joy to visit with Rita. ¶½We would walk ¶½down the hall looking at each picture on the wall. ¶½<br><br>She would have a little story about each one.<br><br>She was truly one of a kind. We will<br><br>all miss her.<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>##imported-begin##stephen j siemsen##imported-end##

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“ My Dear Friends Joan, Paul and Ellie:<br><br>Steve and I want you to know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. ¶½Rita was a wonderful woman. ¶½She was kind and giving and had a great sense of humor. ¶½I will always remember late night snacks in the kitchen on Evergreen. ¶½How tolerant she was of our singing! ¶½I have the most wonderful memories of ¶½my beautiful wedding shower at her home and how she made you feel as if you were a member of the family. ¶½<br><br><br><br>Our deepest sympathies to all. ¶½She was deeply loved by family and friends and will be missed.<br><br><br><br>"May the road rise to meet you. ¶½May the wind be always at your back. ¶½May the sunshine warm your face and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand." <br><br><br><br>Love,<br><br>Katie and Steve##imported-begin##Kate and Steve Gordon##imported-end##

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“ Sorry to hear about Rita. ĩ½She was a very favorite sister-in-law to me. ĩ½I will always remember all the good memories that we had in the past. ĩ½I was planning on seeing her when I come back to Illinois in April but things did not work out that way. ĩ½Kitty's and my prayers are with you at this time. ĩ½God bless all of you!  
ĩ½Aunt Mary Jane###imported-begin###Mary Jane Noonan###imported-end##

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“ Dear Joan,<br><br>I am so sorry for your loss. My memories of your mom are of a wonderfully sweet lady filled with grace. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
ĩ½<br><br>Love, <br><br>Amy###imported-begin###Amy Mange###imported-end##

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences in the passing of your lovely mother. She was such a thoughtful and caring person that I know she will be greatly missed. When I was growing up she was such a thoughtful neighbor and would take my brothers and myself to the lake in the summer with Jean, Joan and Jim. It seemed like she was always available when I needed an adult when mom was at work. She was also so kind to have my mom, Mary Quigley ride with her to St. Louis so mom could visit with her sister while Rita visited with Jim and family. We have exchanged Christmas cards since I moved out of the area in 1975. Since my mom had to be moved closer to me in 2004 we have shared many letters. I am very fortunate to have had her in my life and I will miss our letters.###imported-begin###Deb Quigley King###imported-end##

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“ I'm sorry but I will not be able to be back for the services as I am still recuperating from cancer surgery. I have fond memories of Aunt Rita and the three of you. Hopefully, she did not suffer too much. Remember all the happy times.  
  
  
Kitty

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“ Joan, Paul and family,  
We were so sad to hear of your loss. Your mom was a lovely lady, who left smiles along her path. We hope you have many wonderful memories to sustain you through this difficult time.  
Wayne and Cheryl Segneri

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“ I am sorry for your loss but have no doubt that she is visiting with those that have gone before her. Aunt Rita will always have a special place in my heart. I still smile when I think of her. She had a delightful sense of humor and was such a caring person. You 3 are a wonderful legacy to the character of woman she was.  
With warm regards,  
the Hams  
Patty & John Ham

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. Wish we could come up and be with you guys. Will be thinking of you all this weekend and say an extra prayer for her in mass on Sunday. Just can't believe she is gone sure thought |Mom would have gone before her. Sure hope she didn't suffer. <br><br>All our Love<br><br>George and Kathy###imported-begin##George and Kathy Smith###imported-end##

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“ Dear Joan and Paul,<br><br>We send our sincere sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your Mom.###imported-begin##Nick & Shirley Africano###imported-end##

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