



## Rita M. Walsh

September 6, 1935 - December 19, 2015

Rita M. Walsh, 80, of St. George, passed away Saturday (Dec. 20, 2015) at Presence St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee.

She was born on Sept. 6, 1935, in Kankakee, the daughter of Maurice and Irene Halpin LeClaire Sr. Rita married Lawrence "Larry" Walsh on Nov. 24, 1956, in St. George.

Rita loved being around children and caring for others. She operated a daycare in her home for more than 25 years, and eventually, retired from the Kankakee Special Education Co-op.

She was an active member of St. George Catholic Church where she was a mobile eucharistic minister, a CCD teacher and twice served as president of the women's club, the Ladies of St. Anne. She loved being active and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Surviving are her husband of St. George; two sons, Tim Walsh, of Volo, and Chris Walsh, of Bourbonnais; seven daughters, Sr. Jackie Walsh, of Rock Island, Brenda Noe, of Joliet, Laura and Ruben Chapa, of Downers Grove, Lisa and Rick Nelson and Sue and Tom Chavez, all of Elmhurst, Mary and Bruce Kato, of Chicago, and Angie and John Bradshaw, of Washington D.C.; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Kelly LeClaire, of

Portland, Ore.

Preceding her in death were her parents; two brothers, Maurice Jr., and James LeClaire; one sister, Theresa Reilly; and a grandson, Brandon M. Walsh.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial visitation will be from 9 a.m. Tuesday until the 10 a.m. Mass at St. George Catholic Church in St. George. Inurnment will follow in St. George Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. George Catholic Church.

# Cemetery Details

## St. George Cemetery

5272 E. 5000 N. Rd.  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 929-6363

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

DEC **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. George Catholic Church  
5272 E. 5000 N. Rd.  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 939-1851  
<http://www.stgeorgeil.com>

## Memorial Mass

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. George Catholic Church  
5272 E. 5000 N. Rd.  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 939-1851  
<http://www.stgeorgeil.com>

# Tribute Wall

CG

“ Sue,  
*I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Candice Grimes** - December 22, 2015 at 04:29 PM

BM

“ *Bobbie Neether and Anna Walsh McComb purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Rita M. Walsh.*



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**Bobbie Neether and Anna Walsh McComb** - December 22, 2015 at 04:03 PM

BC

“ Sue, I am so sorry to hear about your losses. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your loved ones during this difficult time.

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Brenda C.*

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**Brenda Carr** - December 22, 2015 at 02:52 PM

MS

“ Sue, My sympathies on the loss of your Mom.

*Marc Seidler*

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**Marc Seidler** - December 22, 2015 at 01:44 PM

GE

“ Sue,  
*I'm sorry to hear about your loss. My  
condolences to you and your family during  
this difficult time.*



*George Tong*

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**George** - December 22, 2015 at 01:15 PM

GB

“ Sue;

*I am very sorry for your lost. Gloria Bullock*

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**Gloria Bullock** - December 22, 2015 at 01:09 PM

RG

“ Sue Walsh-Chavez, My deepest condolences to you and your  
*family! Rosalinda Gonzalez*

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**Rosalinda Gonzalez** - December 22, 2015 at 12:52 PM

BK

“ rita was the closest thing to an angel we have known always  
*remember her kind and gentle ways God bless you Larry and all  
your family*

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**Bob and Donna Kohl** - December 22, 2015 at 08:41 AM

DK

“ *Dewey Kilbride lit a candle in memory of Rita M. Walsh*



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**Dewey Kilbride** - December 22, 2015 at 07:44 AM

KM

“ *My thoughts are with you all at this time. My first memory of Rita is from so long ago when Sue invited me to join your family for an Easter celebration. Rita was so welcoming, and greeted me with open arms. That celebration was the first of many Walsh gatherings where Rita treated me like one of her own daughters. When I visited, I remember Rita sharing stories about the students that she helped at the special education co-op. She was such a caring soul to all. The true testament to Rita's life can be found in those who loved her the most...Larry, her children and grandchildren. Sending all my love and hugs your way.*

*Kerry Miller and Family*

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**Kerry Miller** - December 21, 2015 at 05:24 PM

MB

“ *I had the privilege of knowing Rita through my dear friend, Laura Chapa, Rita's daughter. She always had a smile on her face. She loved her family more than anything and was so very proud of all of them. She was blessed to have such a wonderful family that simply adored her. She will be missed more than words can describe.*

*Mary Brady  
Indian Head Park, IL*

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**Mary Brady** - December 21, 2015 at 04:41 PM



“ *California Healthy was purchased for the family of Rita M. Walsh.*



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December 21, 2015 at 12:50 PM



“ *What a wonderful lady, she always made my mothers day when Rita came to visit her in the nursing home. Theres a seat by the lord for her already. Larry Blanchette*

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**Larry Blanchette** - December 21, 2015 at 07:58 AM



“ *Peggy Blanchette lit a candle in memory of Rita M. Walsh*



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**Peggy Blanchette** - December 20, 2015 at 07:02 PM