



Rita J. Whitten

August 8, 1933 - March 9, 2015

Rita J. Whitten, 81, of Manteno, passed away Monday (March 9, 2015) at Presence Our Lady of Victory Nursing Home in Bourbonnais.

She was born Aug. 8, 1933, in Kankakee, to William A. and Frances (Taylor) McGrath. She married Donald Whitten on Nov. 8, 1958. He preceded her in death on July 17, 2011.

Rita enjoyed reading, gardening, raising African violet plants and spending time with her family.

Survivors include three daughters, Jean and Charles Lowey, of Manteno, Julie and David Mills, of Arlington Heights, and Karen and Mark Michael, of Perrysville, Ind.; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband; and brother, Glenn McGrath.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. An additional time for visitation will be from 10 a.m. Friday until the 11 a.m. funeral services, also at the funeral home. The Rev. Cory Estby will officiate. Burial will be in Deselm Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

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Cemetery Details

Deselm Cemetery

5000 West Road
Manteno, IL 60950

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Visitation

MAR 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Rita,

Thank you for all you have taught us. As we grew up, the treasured memories of family reunions, Christmas gatherings, camping caravans, barbeques, and weekend visits at your home will never be forgotten.



Dad and mom instilled the value of family as you and Uncle Donald shared stability and history. I regret nothing but the absence of time spent with you during your times of need these past few months. Delores (my mom) and i enjoyed the lunches and visits when weather and time allowed. Wishing they were more moments like these, but glad for the moments we shared.

I always remembered you as the "Sergeant." A joke we shared but also had a great deal of value. Keeping order in the home, free from chaos or negative thoughts. Only the precious loving family that we were. Able to learn patience and forgiveness.

I Love you. I Thank God for everything and every moment of your life. May your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren keep your "Sergeant's" love in their hearts.

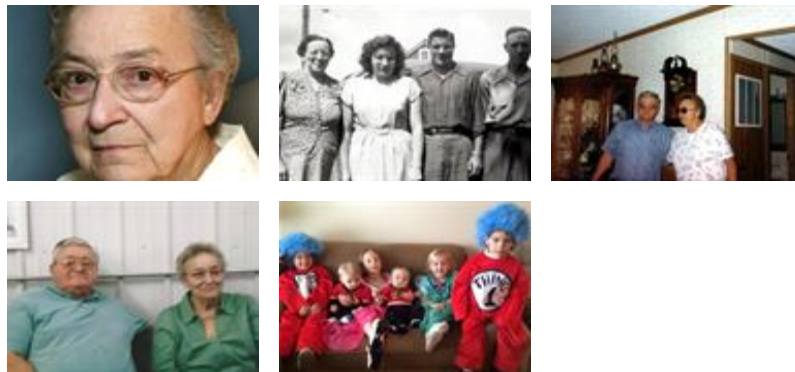
*Grace and Peace,
Prayers continue for your children who carry on your heritage.*

Lois (Pearce) Nemeth

Lois - March 14, 2015 at 10:05 AM



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Amanda Nelson - March 11, 2015 at 01:10 PM

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“ *Peggy A Brough lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Whitten*



Peggy A Brough - March 10, 2015 at 10:00 PM

PB

Was so sorry to hear of Rita's passing. My parents were Frank and Dorothy Morrival. I fun remember Rita from family get togethers as a young child.

Peggy A Brough - March 10, 2015 at 10:05 PM

SH

*Dear Family ,My prayers and sympathy are with you. I am so glad that I got to know Rita while she was at our home. She always had a little smile for me each morning.and made my day. Blessings,
Sr.Martha,sscm*

Sr. Martha Harrington.sscm - March 11, 2015 at 09:13 AM

KS

Thoughts and prayers of your mom's passing.

Kathy Sullivan - March 11, 2015 at 05:48 PM

JW

With our deepest sympathy. Jerry and Rita Williams

Jerry and Rita Williams - March 12, 2015 at 04:44 PM