



## Wilbert Rice

May 12, 1919 - January 4, 2010

Visitation for Wilbert W. "Willy" Rice, 90, of Kankakee, will be from 9 a.m. Thursday until the 10 a.m. services at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. Father Dennis Settles will officiate. Burial will be in Maternity BVM Cemetery, Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to Monastery of the Infant Jesus, 1501 Lotus Lane, Lufkin, TX 75904. He died Monday (Jan. 4, 2010) at Riverside Medical Center. Mr. Rice was a meat cutter for National Tea Co., retiring in 1981. He was born May 12, 1919, in Kankakee, the son of Howard and Carrie Passidy Rice. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving from 1942 to 1945, and a charter member of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church. Willy was an avid gardener and woodworker. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed long walks, swimming, playing horseshoes and croquet. His favorite pastime was spending time with his family. He also played a mean game of rummy! He was treasured by family and friends for his wonderful sense of humor, honest nature, generous spirit and positive outlook on life. He was dearly loved by his wife of 66 years and will be deeply missed by all who had the good fortune to know him. Surviving are his loving wife, the former Genevieve Drolet, of Kankakee, whom he married April 24, 1943, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee; his beloved daughters, Mary Troncale of Kankakee, Susan Heun of Washington, Ill., and Bonnie Rice of Acme, Wash.; foster daughter, Nancy (Jon) Wells of Austin, Texas; two granddaughters, Melissa (Gilbert Field) Troncale and Aimee Troncale; two stepgrandchildren, Susan (Brian) Mueller and Patrick (Jennifer) Heun; six stepgreat-

grandchildren, Tyler, Jacqui, and Nicki Mueller, and Jerry, Tom and Hanna Heun; and many nieces and nephews. Deceased are his parents, son-in-law, Harold Heun; stepgrandson, Jerry Heun; and five brothers and four sisters.

# Tribute Wall

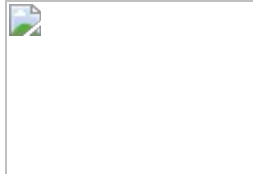


“ *BEST. UNCLE. EVER. Miss you Uncle Wille. You were always a pleasure to visit. And now you are together with Gen. I still hear your laugh like it was yesterday. God Bless you.*

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“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS!!!##imported-begin##FRED MANCUSO##imported-end##

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“ *I used to walk in front of your home to and from work at marios market I always enjoyed the hanging flower planters your daughter gave you. You were always so kind to me and to everyone i 1/2 you will be missed. God bles.##imported-begin##Nora Chouinard##imported-end##*

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“ Our family lived across the street from Mr Rice from the 1940's to 1983. When I called my sister today to tell her of his passing I said, "Mr Rice has passed away." We've always called him that because we've always respected him. There were six of us Miller kids and I don't ever remember a single negative thing being said about Mr Rice in our household. I stopped in and chatted with him a few years ago when I was back in town and I'm glad I did. I gave him a listing of families that had lived on Tanner for various years beginning in 1941. In 1949 he was a young man working at Krogers and had a nice new brick home with bats hanging on the side facing Beaudoins. He was a very good neighbor. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Richard Miller Sr##imported-end##

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“ We would occasionally see Willie in a grocery store and stop to chat and he had that same wonderful personality. i¿½We send our thoughts and prayers to your family at this time. i¿½May the many joys of the past fill the emptiness you feel today##imported-begin##Nick & Shirley Africano##imported-end##

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“ May those beautiful yesterdays always remain in your heart, and your sorrow gently fade away. May you find strength in your faith, comfort in God's love, and peace in knowing your friends are praying for you. Into each life some rain must fall but sunshine does appear. ĩ½It brings with it a rainbow ĩ½and a message that is clear. ĩ½Please know that you are not alone that we all hold you dear. ĩ½Let faith and hope into your heart and keep your memories near. ĩ½I have fought the fine fight, I have run the course to the finish, I have observed the faith.-2Timothy 4:7. As for me, I will lie down that I may sleep; I shall certainly awake, for Jehovah himself keeps supporting me. -Psalms 3:5##imported-begin##Magallon Family##imported-end##

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“ We are vary sorry for your loss##imported-begin##Merle&Margie ĩ½Onken##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. ĩ½Remember all the good memories, I know I will of the times when he would stop by and visit LaVern. ĩ½I always enjoyed listening to them talk. ĩ½##imported-begin##Marsha Rice Van De Voorde##imported-end##

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