



Bernice M. Rabbitt

January 11, 1920 - April 25, 2010

Bernice M. (Millen) Rabbitt, 90, passed away Sunday, April 25, 2010, at St. Vincent Mercy Hospital. She was born January 11, 1920, to Earl and Reka Millen, in Union Star, MO and graduated from Union Star High School. Bernice was fortunate in knowing her calling in life, at a young age. She worked hard to save money so she could pay her way to become an RN. She graduated from Missouri Western University, St. Joseph, MO, in 1942. After graduation she worked at Barnes Medical Center, in St. Louis, MO. Shortly thereafter she joined the Navy, in Long Beach, CA; then was transferred to New Orleans, where she met her soon-to-be husband, Robert. They were married on Oct. 13, 1944, in Philadelphia. They relocated to Toledo, in 1945, after WW II ended. They bought their first home (650 Clark Street), and began to raise six children. Bernice began her nursing career, as a surgical nurse, at St Charles Hospital, in 1953. She retired from St. Charles, as a supervisor of surgery, in 1979. She continued nursing for a few years, at Toledo Clinic, to be close to home and care for her ill husband. Bernice was the glue that kept her family together. Her role was honorable and strong, in the lives of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and so many friends. Bernice supported many charities. If she touched your life, you were better for it. She was a truly giving person. Bernice was a parishioner at Christ the King Church and a former member of Good Shepherd Church. Bernice was preceded in death by her parents; loving husband, Robert; brothers, JK, Luther and Bill; sister, Nadine and sweet granddaughter, Megan

My. She will be deeply missed by her step-daughter, Monica; children, Michael (daughter-in-law, Judy), Michelle (David), Gary (Barbara), Kathy, Deanna and Debbie (Doug). Grandchildren, Ronnie, Lissa, Melissa, Kolina, Michael, Stephen, Matthew, Gary, Natalie, Vanessa, Marcus, Mason, Vincent and Grace. Great-grandchildren, Corey, Alexander, Dylan, Cienna, Brachel, Kailey, Reed, Emma Bernice, Peyton, Caitlin, Liz, Emily and Lauren. Sister, Wilma, Earline and Margaret. Friends are invited to visit from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, in the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue, where a scripture service will be held at 7 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, in Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 550 Clark Street. Interment will follow in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park. The Family is grateful for any donations to go to the Alzheimer's Association, MS Society, St. Jude Children's Hospital or the donor's favorite charity.

Tribute Wall

TT

“ To the entire family; Your mother was a gift to the world and to anyone that came into her life. I remember her as the most gentle and caring of people that always had a warm smile, a kind word and a soft welcoming touch. Fortunately for all of us we have grown up with strong mothers that have guided us through life. Without them, most of us would not have experienced lives of fulfillment. All of you are her testament to the world. She has so much to be proud of.
Tim Berry

Tim Berry - timberry111@gmail.com timberry111@gmail.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom and grandma. Mrs. Rabbitt is now joyful in the mansion that Jesus built for us in heaven, with a heart full of love for her family. We hope that your millions of happy memories of such a beautiful, sweet mom and grandma will help you through this difficult time. We have been praying for you.

Brian & Debbie Kick - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Aunt Bea was awesome. She was the best any could ask for. Her and Uncle Bob stayed with me for a couple of days when Grandpa Martin passed with Grandma Bashor. I was so young but I will always remember Uncle Bob and Aunt Bea staying with me when they knew I did not want to be there. My youngest son celebrated his first birthday in there home. That was very special. Aunt Bea I am missing you. Dougie

Doug Saviano - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Aunt Bea will be missed by all - She was always one of my favorite aunts! Marty Saviano Kansas City, Missouri

Marty Saviano - msaviano@hotmail.com msaviano@hotmail.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Mike, Please accept our deepest sympathies and condolences on the passing of your mother. We wanted to let you know that you are in our thoughts and that a contribution has been made in your mom's name to the Alzheimer's Association. Warmest regards, Your colleagues at John Deere

Glenn Gibson - gibsonglenn@johndeere.com gibsonglenn@johndeere.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Kathy, Gary and family, I was so very sorry to read of your mothers passing. It is so very difficult to lose your mom no matter what age you are. I hope that your memories will give you peace and that they may make you smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Becky (Woda) Dugan

Becky (Woda) Dugan - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Mrs. Rabbitt was my second "Mom" I worked with her for several years in surgery at St. Charles. She was the kindness and most easy going person. Once I had her call my mom because, she smelled cigarette smoke on my clothes. Mrs. Rabbitt explained to my mom, several nurses smoked, in the lounge were my clothes hung, so naturally they smelled like smoke. Mrs Rabbitt was someone you could tell anything. She was a great friend and mentor. She helped me to be a better person, and a better nurse. My prayers are with her family. She is no longer walking around in this clunky old body, her spirit is free to roam anywhere she wants.*
Judy Opial, RN CHPN

Judy (Kigar) Opial - greenergrass@bex.net greenergrass@bex.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *My dear Aunt Bee was a delightful, wonderful lady. I have nothing but wonderful memories of her and Uncle Bob. She will be missed but never forgotten.* *Joe Saviano*

Joe Saviano - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Dear family, Kim and I would like to extend our deepest sympathies. We are in Tulsa,OK visiting Nichole and her family so unfortunately we will be uable to attend your mother's services. We will be with you in our thoughts and prayers. Your mother was a wonderful loving person and impacted my life from a very young age. I remember spending the night at your house as a little boy. When we got up she made us a very good breakfast. What shocked me was that I was allowed to have as much milk as I wanted. A new experience. Also, I had my first waffle ever that morning. Wonderful, strong ,and lifelong memories.I have shared these memories with my children and my friends throughout my life. You were lucky to have her as a mother and I was lucky to have her as a friend. With deepest condolences, P.J. and Kim Wood

P.J. and Kim Wood - WoodThree@aol.com WoodThree@aol.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ DEAR MELISSA YOUR FAMILY IS IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS AT THIS TIME.WE HAVE MADE A DONATION IN YOUR GRANDMOTHERS NAME TO ST.JUDE'S CHILDRENS HOSPITAL

DR. AMY,EVETTE,PATTI - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM