



Rita K. (Harrer) Lanaux

November 28, 1943 - October 6, 2009

Mrs. Rita K. (Harrer) Lanaux, age 65, of Utica, passed away on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at the Pines of Utica with the love and support of her family. Born in Danville, Illinois on November 28, 1943, Rita was the daughter of the late Clarence and Kathleen (Williamson) Harrer. As a child, she relocated to Utica where she was raised and educated attending Utica Free Academy. At one time, she was married to John Lanaux who passed away on August 9, 2007.

The most important aspect of Rita's life was caring for her family and her home. A kind and considerate woman, she demonstrated a special devotion to her cherished grandchildren for whom she would go out of her way to make happy. During her leisure time, she enjoyed watching westerns, especially Bonanza and Gunsmoke. She was of the Protestant faith.

Rita is survived by her daughters, Laurena Lanaux and Richard Harrison, and Venus Lanaux, all of Utica; and her sons, Jonathan and Tracy Silva of Seattle, and Marc and Serena Lanaux of Utica; her thirteen grandchildren; and her four great-grandchildren. Survivors also include her sisters and brothers-in-law, Cathy and Russell Schaffer of Newport, and Christine and Ralph Reyes of Florida; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, Kay Lanaux, Anna Mae Harris, Doreen Lacy, and Raymond Lanaux, all of Utica; her dear and cherished friends, Toni, Georgette, and Joanne. She was predeceased by her brother, Robert Harrer.

The family expresses sincere appreciation to the nurses and staff of the

Heritage Healthcare Center for their devotion in caring for Rita.

Visitation will be held Friday from 11:00-12:00 noon at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Rita's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Friday afternoon at 12:00 noon at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation. Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita K. (Harrer) Lanaux



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - October 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Laurena Marie Lanaux was added to the Family Tree.*

Sabrina Lanaux - January 30, 2013 at 07:48 PM



“ *John Lanaux was added to the Family Tree.*

Sabrina Lanaux - January 30, 2013 at 07:46 PM



“ *Sabrina M Lanaux was added to the Family Tree.*

Sabrina Lanaux - January 30, 2013 at 07:27 PM



“ *Marc E Lanaux was added to the Family Tree.*

Sabrina Lanaux - January 30, 2013 at 07:26 PM

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“ I never got to know my grandma, but my mom says that her and I were very close when I was a baby. Even though I wont be able to say it to her, I love my grandma, and I wish we could have spent more time together.

Brittany Lanaux - August 13, 2011 at 10:00 AM



“ Dear Faimily ~
I was your Mom's room mate at the Heritage Home. Rita was a sweet and endearing soul. We shared many secrets and laughs and I will always cherish the memories she gave me. All my sympathies for your loss.##imported-begin##Helene Petersom##imported-end##

October 13, 2009 at 06:35 PM



“ Our prayers are with all the family. Aunt Rita will always hold a special place in our hearts and never forgotten.

Love, Roxie & Gerrod Lanaux##imported-begin##Roxanne Lanaux##imported-end##

October 08, 2009 at 06:20 PM



“ *My Dear Aunt Rita,*

I am so sorry I not able to be there with you, but I keep you all close in my heart.

My prayers & thoughts are with you & all the Family

Peace be with you!

Love

Reba & Karl Natt

Charlotte, NC###imported-begin##Reba Harris-Natt###imported-end##

October 08, 2009 at 11:31 AM



“ *Marc and Cathy,*

I am so sorry for you loss i never got to know your mom / sister but i know you loved her so much. If you need anything i am here for you. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

Love Kim###imported-begin##Kimberly Nadeau###imported-end##

October 08, 2009 at 10:37 AM