



Erma E. Rubenacker

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Erma Rubenacker, 99, of Decatur, Illinois, died January 23, 2025, at Imboden Creek Senior Living Center.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:30am Wednesday, January 29, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Decatur, with Fr. Joe Molloy as celebrant. Visitation will be one hour prior to the Funeral Mass. Entombment in the Star of Hope Mausoleum in Graceland Cemetery will follow the Mass.

Erma was born September 9, 1925, in Piopolis, Illinois, to Wendell and Emelia (Herzing) Engel. She graduated from DePaul Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1947. On September 6, 1948, Erma married Geo. J. Rubenacker at St. John the Baptist Church in Piopolis, Illinois.

In 1951, George and Erma moved to Decatur, Illinois. Erma worked at St. Mary's Hospital in nursing for 36 years. She loved her patients.

Erma and her husband were charter members of Holy Family Church. She was a long-dedicated parishioner. She was a member of the Franciscan Order of Lay Associates of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis and an active member of Eucharistic Adoration at S. Mary's Hospital Chapel for 20 years.

Erma is survived by her children: Larry (Maggie) Rubenacker of Canton, MA, Barbara (Frank) Headington of Neenah, WI, Mary (Mike Powaga) Langan-Powaga of Aurora, IL, and Thomas (Mary Rose) Rubenacker of Wheaton, IL. There are 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Erma was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Erma was a devoted Catholic, wife, and mother. She always had a smile for everyone.



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In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Holy Family Church or School. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.






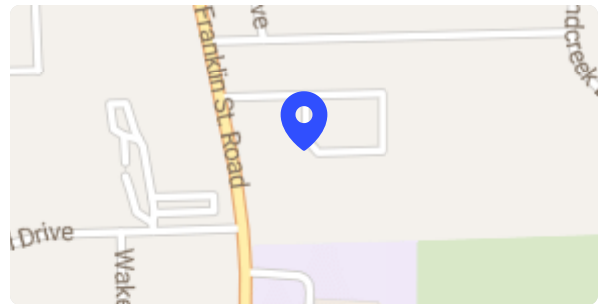
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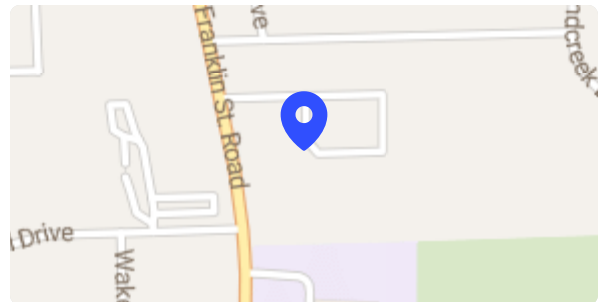
Visitation

-  **Wednesday**, January 29, 2025
-  9:30 AM - 10:15 AM CT
-  **Holy Family Catholic Church**
2400 S. Franklin, Decatur IL 62521





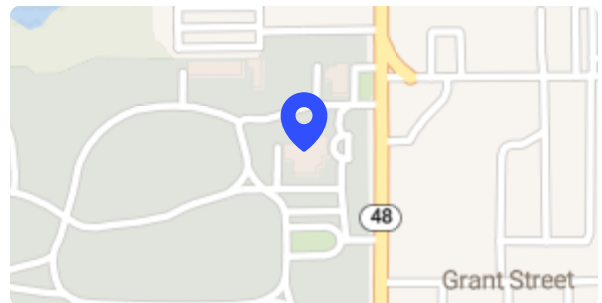
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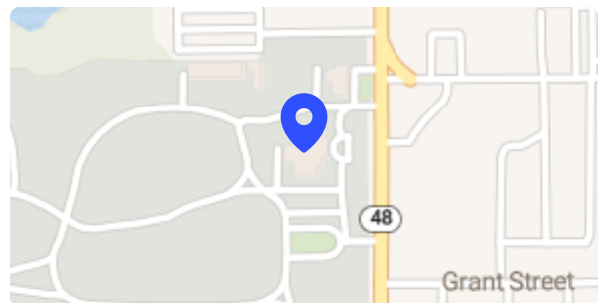
Entombment

-  **Wednesday**, January 29, 2025
-  **Star of Hope Mausoleum / Graceland Cemetery**
2091 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur IL 62526



Cemetery Details

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BW

Brenna Woolery posted:

Mary, your mom was certainly one of my favorites during my time in therapy at Imboden! She always knew who I was, and I will always remember how she would see me in the hallway or the dining room and wink and smile at me when I would pass by. I also remember your kindness and words of encouragement to all of us in the therapy department. I'm so sorry for your loss. Brenna Woolery

January 30 at 4:14 PM

AR

Al Rennert posted:

Dear Larry, Barb, Mary and Tom, I would have loved to see you all yesterday but I'm recovering from heart surgery. Nonetheless, I really must share an important memory with you about your mom and "Doc." In the 5th grade, Pat Moser and I would walk from Holy Family, home to lunch, which my mom faithfully prepared for us. Then we would run back to Holy Family and play before classes resumed. One day we came home and my mom was passed out on the floor under the kitchen table. I had no idea what to do. Pat suggested we call your mom. She came by, sent us to her house to be fed a ham sandwich by Doc and we returned to school. That was the first of several TIA's that my mom suffered before she had a stroke some 20 years later. Though I knew and admired Larry the best, each of you offspring turned out well and that speaks volumes about your parents. God's blessings throughout this difficult time. Al Rennert

January 30 at 6:55 AM

RP

Ron Palmer posted:

I had the honor and privilege of working with Erma ("Ruby") for many years, as a pharmacist at St. Mary's Hospital. Our two sons were born there, in 1973 and 1975, and the care she gave us made an everlasting impression on both of us! Suffice it to say, I am truly a better person for having known her. I'm sure I am telling family members nothing they don't already know, but I'm hoping her memory will be a blessing to you all, just as it shall be to me.

January 29 at 9:50 AM

BO

Bobdonnelly posted:

Larry, Barb, Mary, and Tom, I have many great memories of your mom, and dad, growing up in South Shoes. Your mom was always smiling and happy. She was the RN on duty when our oldest son, Michael, was born at St. Mary's in 1974. She taught Tonya how to make stollen which has become a family tradition. Our prayers are with all of you. Bob and Tonya Donnelly (Zionsville, IN)

January 28 at 2:54 PM



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Janet Calhoun posted:

Erma did have a smile for everyone and one of the nicest women I knew. She made me feel very welcome when I started working at St. Mary's hospital in 1980. As a boss she was exceptional! My condolences to the family, but what a comfort to have had her for 99 years.

January 28 at 10:40 AM



Duane Garver posted:

Our God needed another angel and now he has the best. In all the years we worked together, I never hears a negative word uttered by this wonderful person

January 28 at 6:35 AM



Anonymous sent a Fairest of All to the Rubenacker family.



January 27 at 12:22 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Erma.



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Dave A. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Erma.



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Anonymous sent a Fall Fantasia to the Rubenacker family.

January 27 at 5:02 AM



Cathy Cloney posted:

Barb: I SO remember your mother's contagious laugh along with her smile! She was absolutely the definition of a wonderful kind, and most sincere nurse. Prayers to you and yours! Cathy Cloney

January 27 at 4:23 AM



Bill And Marge Stiefbold sent an Arrive in Style to the Rubenacker family.

January 26 at 5:28 PM



Mary /Lou Meyer posted:

She was- a- wonderful* lady.

January 26 at 12:30 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Rubenacker family.

January 25 at 3:06 PM





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Jeff And Anne Blackburn posted:

Such a great lady, she will be missed!

January 25 at 12:56 PM



Eva Hantle posted:

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January 25 at 6:31 AM



Ina Trout And Chuck Peterson sent a Serene Retreat to the Rubenacker family.



January 24 at 10:36 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Erma by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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