



Rita Louise Ray

July 30, 1944 - February 6, 2016

Rita L. Ray age 71, of Dixon, died Saturday Feb. 6, 2016, at KSB Hospital in Dixon. She was born July 30, 1944, in Mendota, the daughter of Arthur D. and Dorothy (Lipps) Burkardt.

She was a licensed Beautician in the Sublette and Dixon areas, and had also worked as a caretaker. The job she was most proud of was being a mother and grandmother.

She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon, the Catholic Women's Club, and the Catholic Order of Foresters. She was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, and friend.

Survivors include her children Danelle Ray-Earlywine of Kerrville, TX, Sondra (Rod) Benavidez of Princeton, and Kristi (Al) Wescott of Corpus Christi, TX; 10 grandchildren Christopher, Alyssa, Alayna, Jessica, Steven, Carlos, Cayden, Brandon (Jasmine), Kailee, Erica; 5 great-grandchildren Justice, Jonah, Jayden, Brandon Jr., Jazlynn; 4 brothers Bill (Beverly) Burkardt of Polo, Roger (Pat) Burkardt of Vista, CA, Ed (Judi) Burkardt of Mendota, and Tom (Mary Lou) Burkardt of Dixon; 3 sisters Eileen Johannes of Dixon, Jane (Joe) Harris and Marilyn (Rod) Carls, both of Peoria; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 7 sisters, Mary Burkardt, Therese Burkardt, Ruth Van Unnik, Eunice Goy, Carol Twardowski, Irene Moncelle, Sharon Krutsinger, 6 brothers, Gilbert, Bob, Don, Dan, John, and Charles Burkardt.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2016, beginning with a 9:30 AM prayer service in the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon, followed by a 10:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon with the Rev. Bernard Sehr, Pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery in Sublette. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 10, from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM in the funeral home with the Rosary recited at 7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers memorials have been established to St. Patrick's Church and the American Heart Association.

Cemetery Details

St Mary Cemetery

Sublette, IL 61367

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **10**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon
204 South Ottawa
Dixon, IL 61021
Ph: 815-288-2241
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Service

FEB **11**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon
612 S. Highland Ave.
Dixon, IL 61021
(815) 284-7719
office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net
<http://www.stpatrickdixon.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Rita Louise Ray*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Rita Louise Ray*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *To all of Rita's Beloved Family. We dearly loved your mother. Great memories of our trip to LasVegas and those delicious Christmas cookies plus fantastic food at KC dinners at Golf Course. She had many many friends, we were proud to know her. Love from John and Gail Carrillo Sterling---- Winter Texans*

Gail Carrillo - February 16, 2016 at 08:07 PM



“ *I'm sorry for your families loss. Prayers for peace to you.*

*With deep sympathy ...
Rhonda L Crawford*



Rhonda Crawford - February 11, 2016 at 01:13 PM

Lynda
Fuller

“ Lynda Fuller lit a candle in memory of Rita Louise Ray



Lynda Fuller - February 10, 2016 at 05:50 PM

RF

“ Rob & Candy Roath & Family lit a candle in memory of Rita Louise Ray



Rob & Candy Roath & Family - February 10, 2016 at 05:06 PM

SS

“ To Rita's daughters - I dearly loved your Mom. We spent many good times when we worked together at Kirsch Company nearly 20 years ago. That was when your Uncle John was the boss. Our memories included discussions about our children and our wishes that they would live happy and successful lives. Well, you have proven that to be so. I will always cherish our relationship and will miss her greatly. I pray God will give you comfort in the coming days as you share your memories with everyone.

Sandy Schmall - Rockford, IL.

Sandy Schmall - February 10, 2016 at 09:33 AM

TB

“ Tony and Mary Benavidez purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Rita Louise Ray.



Tony and Mary Benavidez - February 10, 2016 at 09:25 AM

Valerie Beattie

“ Sondra, Rod, Jessica and the entire family, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Much love and many blessings always, from Scott & Val Beattie & family.



Valerie Beattie - February 08, 2016 at 03:45 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Rita Louise Ray.



February 08, 2016 at 01:44 PM

AV

“ thank you for being a good neighbor to my sister. God's peace to each and every family member. Ann Vaile

ann vaile - February 08, 2016 at 11:55 AM

BC

“ *Bonnie Carson lit a candle in memory of Rita Louise Ray*



Bonnie Carson - February 08, 2016 at 11:12 AM



Danelle
Ray-
Earlywine

“ *Danelle Ray-Earlywine RN lit a candle in memory of Rita Louise Ray*



Danelle Ray-Earlywine RN - February 07, 2016 at 07:26 AM



“ *This is Christopher her grandson and my favorite memory of my grandmother, well there's too many but I'll tell you what every time I came to her house it was the best welcome back ever! Grandma always made me feel special every single time I visited her. I mean she would just freak out, she was so happy to see you. Seriously she was over the top, I bet every neighbor new you were in town in those moments. I love that about Grandma so much. I'll always remember that about her. There's not another person on earth that was ever that excited to see me.*

I Love you Grandma and I'm so glad you don't have to struggle through any more pain or suffering. I'll carry the memory of your spirit with me long into rest of my days. God bless you!

Christopher Ray - February 06, 2016 at 09:13 PM