



Alice J. Kerregan

July 2, 1934 - January 28, 2016

Alice J. Kerregan, age 81, of Dayton, passed away on Thursday, January 28, 2016. Alice was a 1952 graduate of Julienne High School. She was preceded in death by her husband of 45 years, John Kerregan; parents, Joseph and Bernadine Rentz; brothers, Joseph and Thomas Rentz; and grandson, Damian Kerregan. Alice is survived by daughters, Sharon Agresta, Vanesa (David) Spencer, Rhonda (Greg) Mannion, Andrea (Kathy) Kerregan; sons, Paul and Kevin (Patricia); sister, Virginia (Robert) Boyer; brother, Kenneth (Lynnette) Rentz; ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Family will greet friends 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2016 at Reis Legacy Center/Schlientz & Moore Funeral Home, 1632 Wayne Ave., Dayton. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 2nd at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 830 Bowen St., Dayton. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery. If desired, contributions may be made in Alice's memory to The Alzheimer's Association, Miami Valley Chapter.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

1625 Calvary Drive
Dayton, OH 45409

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Final Legacy Life Celebrations
155 South Main Street
Centerville , OH 45458
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Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony Church
820 Bowen Street
Dayton, OH 45410

Tribute Wall

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“ *A Death Has Occurred*

*A death as occurred and everything is changed.
We are painfully aware that life can never be the same again,
That yesterday is over,
That relationships once rich have ended.*

*But there is another way to look upon this truth.
If life now went on the same,
Without the presence of the one who had died,
we could only conclude that the life we remember
made no contribution,
filled no space,
meant nothing.*

*The fact that this person left behind a place
that cannot be filled is a high tribute to this individual.*

*Life can be the same after a trinket has been lost,
but never after the loss of a treasure.*

*I'll never forget her warm smile and gracious hospitality. A true
treasure!*

Sincerely, Lisa Urban

Lisa Urban - February 05, 2016 at 12:06 PM



“ *The touching eulogy my brothers and sisters wrote for mom. It was a touching, endearing moment for all in attendance.* ”

Never assume quiet is weak and loud is strong. We had both of these influences in our lives. Between our parents our mother was definitely the quiet one, but let me be clear, she was the strength of our family.

Alice started her life in Dark County, often telling stories of visiting her grandparents' farm; stories of making beer in the basement or picking out a chicken for dinner. She hated having to hold the chicken down while the "deed" was done and recently told Annie "It's amazing I still have my hand."

Most of her youth was spent here in Dayton. She would share memories of special times with her parents. With her dad, it was the walks and eating an apple on the banks of the Great Miami. With her Mom, it was sitting on the basement steps and discussing whatever was on their minds while grandma did the laundry she took in to make money. She had a very close relationship with Grandma, and often spoke to her after her passing especially over the last two years. We are glad they are together now once again having their little chats.

She went to Julianne High School. Her best friend was named Jeanie. So to be cute she adopted her middle name of Jane and they became known as Jeanie and Janie. Shortly after high school, while pushing her brother Kenny in the stroller, mom met a man name Johnny. She told us that she ran home that day and told her mom she had met the man she was going to marry. Her current boyfriend at the time set up a double date with Johnny and Jeanie. They went to the drive-in, mom and her boyfriend were in the front seat and Johnny and Jeanie in the back. It was fate when mom turned around to ask Johnny if he wanted another piece of pizza, swinging her elbow over the seat, not knowing that he was leaning forward at the same time. Bam! She elbowed him right in the eye!

Shortly thereafter they were married.

Dad joined the military and was stationed in Alabama. Not knowing her way around the kitchen, mom enlisted the help of the base cook and he would give her recipes to try. Little did she know that the recipes for a 100 people would come in handy later.

Sharon came along a year and a half into their marriage. Even though it was short lived, Sharon was the only one to have mom all to herself. We are all jealous that she has the most baby pictures as well.

In the early days, they lived in Dayton until Mom and Dad decided to move to the burbs. They built their first house in Huber Heights. Mom's life at this time was hectic to say the least. Working at Sears and taking care of a family of 8 would drive most women insane today. To cope with all of us, she would garden and especially loved her roses and irises which Kevin would help her pick. Mom and dad would bowl at Polking lanes on Monday nights; even though she was not really fond of bowling, likely just another opportunity to have time away from us.

Looking back now, we realize that mom was very organized, she probably had to be! Her laundry day was Tuesday. We all remember the mounds of clothes to be washed. On one particular occasion, Mom thought Kevin had run away, but in fact he was hiding under the mound of clothes. She also used to sew all the time. She would make what they called back then "loungewear." Vanesa used to think Mom was so elegant, maybe that's where Vanesa got her fashion sense. We used to hate it when mom would make Vanesa, Rhonda and Annie all matching outfits for the Christmas or Easter parties at Grandpa and Grandma Rentz's house. It must have run in the family because so did her sister Ginny and sister-in-law Tookie with their daughters. We love looking back at those pictures now.

Then there was the annual family vacation....although probably not much of a vacation for mom. What an undertaking it must have

been for mom to get us all packed and ready, pile all of us into a vehicle and drive across country to visit our family in Albuquerque. Dad did the driving, but we knew mom did ALL th

Rhonda Mannion - February 02, 2016 at 07:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alice J. Kerregan.*



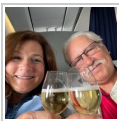
February 01, 2016 at 04:01 PM



“ *You pushed through life with a smile and a laugh. You will be missed terribly. God love you! Tell all the others hello!*

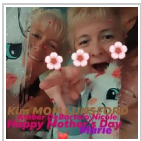


Tammy - February 01, 2016 at 03:13 PM



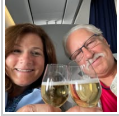
Very true!

Rhonda Mannion - February 03, 2016 at 11:23 AM



“ *All of us were blessed to have such a loving mother, aunt, friend in our lives. She will always be in our hearts.*

Kim Lunsford - February 01, 2016 at 03:05 PM



Thanks for the kind words cuz- hope we are all able to catch up some day

Rhonda Mannion - February 03, 2016 at 11:22 AM



“ *Kim Lunsford lit a candle in memory of Alice J. Kerregan*



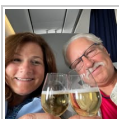
Kim Lunsford - February 01, 2016 at 03:03 PM

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“ *I will always remember as a kid hanging out at her and Grandma Rentz's house and loving every second of it. Still takes me back to this day stepping in there. I will always cherish her loving and soft smile, her light shines bright upon all of us. Love you forever Grandma*



Patrick Mannion - February 01, 2016 at 01:33 PM



Grandma was and is so proud of you. I also look back in those times with mom and grandma with such joy - we were blessed to have them both in our lives. They are reunited again and I am sure having a great time- I miss them !

Rhonda Mannion - February 03, 2016 at 11:21 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Alice J. Kerregan.*



February 01, 2016 at 01:05 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Alice J. Kerregan.*

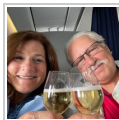


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“ *Janie always had sweet words and kindness for everyone. My children always enjoyed visiting and playing with their cousins. I ALWAYS enjoyed visiting her, too. See you one day when I pass over, too, Janie.*

Laura Rentz Krause - January 31, 2016 at 05:16 PM



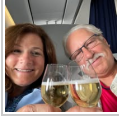
It was so wonderful to see you and Holly again- don't be a stranger. We are family ;-)

Rhonda Mannion - February 03, 2016 at 11:24 AM



“ *Rhonda and family--so sorry to hear! I enjoyed meeting your Mom back in the St Louis days. Thoughts and prayers coming your way*

Janie Eichhorst-Smith - January 31, 2016 at 12:30 AM



Thanks Janie.

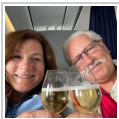
Rhonda Mannion - February 03, 2016 at 11:25 AM



“ *Alice and I had a special relationship as she did with all of her family members. For the past several years she was known as Sassy 1 and I was Sassy 2. If Annie would go to the bathroom at the nursing home, Alice would want to go hide from Annie! ;)*



Kathy Clevenger - January 30, 2016 at 04:51 PM



Kathy you were such a blessing to Our family and especially Sassie- we love you!!!

Rhonda Mannion - February 03, 2016 at 11:26 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alice J. Kerregan.*



January 30, 2016 at 03:52 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Alice J. Kerregan.*



January 30, 2016 at 03:25 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alice J. Kerregan.*

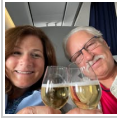


January 30, 2016 at 01:01 PM



“ *I will always remember Aunt Janie and Vanesa stepping up and hosting a bridal shower for me when my in laws wouldn't. She has always been the most sweetest, gentlest person whom I am happy to be like. She could stand her ground but choose to be very caring and kind in her approach. Heaven just got a little better now that she's arrived! Love you Aunt Janie! Love Tammy*

Tammy Powers - January 30, 2016 at 11:15 AM



Mom was always there in time of need- quiet but caring and compassionate. Never saying a bad word about anyone

Rhonda Mannion - February 03, 2016 at 11:27 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Alice J. Kerregan.*



January 30, 2016 at 10:39 AM

TB

“ *Tara and Brandon purchased the Footprints Tribute Blanket for the family of Alice J. Kerregan.*



Tara and Brandon - January 30, 2016 at 09:58 AM

MA

“ *Maureen lit a candle in memory of Alice J. Kerregan*



maureen - January 30, 2016 at 08:34 AM