



Lela "Lee" Riekert

September 29, 1921 - May 6, 2020

Lela "Lee" Rule Riekert, age 98 of Washington, departed this life peacefully at 2:34 PM on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at Unity Point Health Methodist in Peoria.

She was born September 29, 1921 in Noble, IL to John H. Rule and Inez Davis Rule. She married Robert G. Riekert on June 3, 1950 and he preceded her in death in August 2013. Surviving are one son, Larry (Pam) Riekert of Surprise, AZ; two grandchildren, Jamie (Peter) Bolema of Grand Rapids, MI, and Christopher Riekert of Morgan Hill, CA; two great grandchildren, Ramsey Bolema and Lela Bolema; one brother, James Russell Rule of Greenville, SC; and two sisters, Nadine Rule Scott of Denver, CO and Martha Rule Kallister (Dave) of Glasford.

Both parents, twin sisters and two brothers preceded her in death.

She worked for Caterpillar during World War II, Princess Peggy, and attended St. Francis School of Nursing. Lee was an RN at the Apostolic Christian Home for 18 years, retiring in 1985 to care for her parents. She attended Christian Freedom Church while in Noble, IL and Mossville Methodist Church. She was baptized in the Christian faith.

Lee fully enjoyed life. She was an incredible positive thinking person, never met a person she didn't like and always tried to improve. She loved animals, nature, flowers, gardening, and anything creative. She was never idle and continued to work in the garden and around the house into her 90's. She loved her family and was particularly proud of her grandchildren. She was a terrific mother and grandmother, incredibly strong, patient and wise. She was a friend to all who knew her.

A private graveside service will be held at Swan Lake Memory Gardens in Peoria.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Central Illinois Chapter or to her church.

Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Cemetery

Swan Lake Memory Gardens

4601 Route 150

Peoria, IL,

Comments



“ I was privileged to be able to work with Lee at the Apostolic Christian Home in the late 70's and early 80's. She had a great sense of humor and was a joy to work with. After she moved into the nursing home, I would try to stop by to see her at Riverview at Christmas time with a few cookies. I'm not quite sure how well she really remembered me the last couple of times I stopped in. Larry, she always spoke fondly of you. You are in my prayers.
Karen (Perdelwitz) Hofstetter

Karen Hofstetter - May 19, 2020 at 11:41 PM



“ To Larry & family:
Extending my sympathy to you in the passing of your dear mother. Your father and my mother, Frieda (Riekert) Stahl were cousins. I have many memories of your grandparents Fred & Elsie Riekert along with the Rose (Riekert) Muellers cousins. Your Aunt Roberta always made a special effort to visit my mother when she was in the area. May the special family memories be with you in the days ahead.

Ricky Stahl - May 12, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ Dear Larry and Pam,

So very sorry for the passing of Aunt Lee, our trips to Illinois were not complete without a visit to Galena Road. Your Mom was always so pleasant to be around and I have fond memories of those times. Take care and wishing you all the best. Fred and Barb Fisher

Fred Fisher - May 11, 2020 at 07:48 PM



“ Larry and Pam, Our deepest sympathies! Aunt Lee was always so sweet to me. I so enjoyed my times going back to Peoria. And your Mom was a big part of that! Love always! Gary Fisher

Gary Fisher - May 10, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ Larry and family, Sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. Norm Kane

Norm Kane - May 10, 2020 at 08:21 AM



“ Larry ... my condolences. My prayers are with you during this sad time. John Grillot, Washington IL (colleague from Caterpillar).

John Grillot - May 10, 2020 at 08:09 AM



“ Larry,
I was sorry to read of your mothers passing. You and your Family will be in my prayers.
Your mother raised a Great son, I was proud to work with you for many years at Cat.
You are one of the Good Guys I remember. Stay Strong

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Stephen J Hoehne - May 09, 2020 at 10:16 AM