



Mildred Hancock

April 25, 1937 - March 24, 2015

Mildred (Marie) Hancock, 78, Kankakee, passed away peacefully, Tuesday afternoon (March 24th), at Riverside Medical Center after a long battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her loving family when she left to be with the Lord. Visitation will be held at Schreffler Funeral Homes, 1900 W. Court St., Kankakee from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26. A short service will follow after visitation. Marie was born April 25, 1937, the daughter of Charles and Juanita Royster. Marie graduated from Vienna High School, Vienna Illinois. She retired as the office manager of Belt Route Warehouse, Kankakee. She had previously worked as the inventory control manager for Boorum and Pease/Esselte, Kankakee. Marie was actively involved with her family, church and volunteering for various community organizations. A master gardener, Marie organized the Garden Glories, a garden club through her church, College Church University Avenue, Bourbonnais. She was very active in the Kankakee Valley Garden Club where she served as president for many years. She also volunteered at the local food pantry and the Kankakee Park District where she tended gardens throughout the community. Marie was always ready to help friends and neighbors with any garden problems. People would come from miles around to visit her gardens in rural Kankakee. Both she and her husband, John raised fruits and vegetables along with every flower imaginable. Her garden even consisted of an Illinois plant trail in her backyard. Marie was well-known throughout the Kankakee County and Illinois State fairs. Her needle crafts, floral arrangements and canning won her

numerous awards. Of all of her accomplishments, her greatest achievement was her family. She often mentioned they were a blessing. She is survived by her beloved husband of 60 years, John, whom she married on July 22, 1954. Also surviving are her four sons and one daughter, Dusty (Janis) Hancock, Salem, IN; Scott (Karen) Hancock, Morton, IL; Bryon (Dorothy) Hancock, Milwaukee, WI; Kip (Brenda) Hancock, Carol Stream, IL and Cindy (Jerry) Casey, Edwardsville, IL. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren, Matthew (Stephanie) Hancock; Lora (Matthew) Buckley; Justin (Dana); KT Hancock; Andrew (Julie) Hancock; Micah and Derek Hancock; Jerry Lee (Allison) Casey; Jessica Casey; Erin and Kirby Hancock. Marie was the proud great-grandmother to nine great-grandchildren. One brother, James Royster, Vienna, Illinois along with many nieces and nephews also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Lewis Royster. Marie leaves behind her family but she has left them with many of her own unique gifts - to recognize the beauty of nature, a love of creativity, her kind heartedness, her sense of adventure, an energetic spirit, her ability to play a competitive game of pinochle, and her brilliant smile. She was generous, gentle and loving. She filled her home with plenty of family, friends, love, fun, and a gift to say "there is always room for one more."

Tribute Wall



“ *Mildred Hancock*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Dusty, so sorry for your loss. Your mom was always kind to us crazy kids when we used to show up at your place. Always a smile no matter what she may have really wanted to say to us! Ha! Me, lang, duck, laird all miss those days. Be strong. from the Hana's Sherry, Justin, Daylen and me.*

Rob Hana. - March 29, 2015 at 11:52 PM



“ *Cindy and Family, I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. What a wonderful legacy she has left in you and your brothers and what a great example she set. I know your home was filled with love and laughter in no small part because of your mother. May you have peace in the days ahead remembering all the joyful moments of your life with this beautiful woman. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God bless you all in the days to come. Much love.*

Alexis Sanasarian - March 27, 2015 at 04:30 AM



“ *John and family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Marie. I did not even know she had been ill. So glad I got to visit briefly with her in November. She was a wonderful women and will be missed*

Reva Schaffer Metcalf - March 26, 2015 at 11:58 PM

SM

“ My condolences to the entire Hancock family. I will keep you all in my heart thoughts and prayers.

Shawn McCormick - March 26, 2015 at 07:59 PM

CF

“ My condolences to the family. Marie visited my mother, Marion Bechtel, while she was at Heritage. My mother enjoyed Marie's visits and I was very happy to have someone lend her support and company.

Chloe Frooninckx - March 26, 2015 at 05:57 PM

HJ

“ Mindy and I are thinking about your entire family during this time of your losing someone who was obviously such a powerful and influential part of your core team.

Hank Jacoby - March 26, 2015 at 01:56 PM

GS

“ When I was 13 - 14 Mrs. Hancock was my Sunday School teacher. It was through her teaching that I came to know the Lord and was baptized in the name of the Lord. I will be ever grateful for her gentle leadership that brought me to my Father. I am sure I will meet with her on the other side.

Gail Harris Savage - March 26, 2015 at 01:54 PM

TC

“ Sorry for your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers to John and his family,

Tereasa Clodi - March 26, 2015 at 12:28 PM

SS

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with the family.*

Sheri swisher - March 26, 2015 at 11:25 AM

CL

“ *So very sorry to hear about Marie. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Carla Lamb - March 26, 2015 at 07:06 AM

VS

“ *Prayers to all the Hancock family in this time of sorrow. Only meant her on several occasion, with Janis and Dusty but was a very nice and polite lady. She is at peace now no more pain and she'll have beautiful gardens in God's Kingdom.*

Vicki Shulist - March 26, 2015 at 03:50 AM

SL

“ *So Sorry for your loss .*

Susan (Wegner) Lamb - March 26, 2015 at 02:57 AM

BR

“ *I was so shocked to read in the Kankakee Journal today of Marie's passing. I always enjoyed talking with her and I loved to see your landscaping when we lived next door. I didn't know she had cancer. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Betty (Linton) Robinson - March 26, 2015 at 12:53 AM