



Genevieve M. Riley

November 25, 1920 - July 12, 2014

Genevieve M. Riley, 93, of Aurora, passed away Saturday, July 12, 2014 at Presence Mercy Medical Center. She was born Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1920 in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Gen grew up in Fond du Lac where she attended St. Mary Grade School, Fond du Lac High School, and in 1946 graduated from St. Agnes School of Nursing in Fond du Lac, and was employed as a medical surgery nurse. She later became a member of the St. Agnes School of Nursing Alumni Association. She remained there until her marriage to Justin L. Riley in June of 1949, when they moved to Aurora, IL. Gen began working at the old St. Joseph Hospital and later at Mercyville, where she retired from in 1985.

Gen was a member of Annunciation Church for over 50 years. She sang in the choir and was a Eucharistic Minister who took Holy Communion to patients at Aurora Manor for 20 years. She also volunteered to the Kane County Health Department to administer immunization shots, and was an active member in Big Woods Unit of Kane County Homemakers Ext. Association. Genevieve loved flower gardening, crafts and quilting, and decorating her home for the Christmas holidays. She was a big fan of the Green Bay Packers, the Bears and the Bulls, and was still mad at baseball for the 1994 strike. She will be remembered for her wonderful sense of humor, and always having a joke ready.

Survivors include her son, Kevin (Mary) Riley of Naperville; her daughter, Kim Riley Adrian of North Aurora; her grandchildren, Christopher Adrian and Kelly Adrian; her step-grandchildren, Robert and Christopher Wessel; her brother, Edgar C. Theyerl of Fond du Lac, WI; her sister, Lucine M. Dellger of Plymouth, WI; her sisters-in-law, Eileen Lyle of Villa Park and Gerry Theyerl of Fond du Lac; her brother-in-law, Kent J. Riley of Bishop, CA; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 59 years, Justin L. Riley in 2008; her parents, Nicholas and Louise Theyerl; her brothers, Dr. Joseph N. Theyerl D.V.M., Orv Theyerl and Donald R. "Mac" Theyerl; and her sisters-in-law, Doris M. Theyerl, Ellen M. Theyerl, Lorraine Theyerl and Millie Riley; and her brothers-in-law, Howard Lyle and Larry Dellger.

Gen's family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to the staff at Countryside Care Center, Neighbors Next Door, Presence Mercy Medical Center and Presence Hospice for their loving care and support.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Annunciation Church. Fr. Patrick Gillmeyer, O.S.B. will officiate with interment in Marywood Cemetery. Visitation will be held Wednesday morning, July 16, 2014 from 10:00 AM until the Funeral Mass hour of 11:00 AM at Annunciation Church, 1820 Church Rd., Aurora, IL 60505.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora. 630-631-5500. Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com to leave condolences for Genevieve's family or sign the guest book.

Gen had a great belief in Catholic education. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Gen's name may be made to Aurora Central High School, c/o Development Dept., 1255 Edgelawn Dr., Aurora, IL 60506.

Cemetery Details

Marywood Cemetery

Church Road
aurora, IL

Previous Events

In State

JUL 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Annunciation Church
1820 Church Road
Aurora, IL 60505

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Genevieve M. Riley



Daleiden Mortuary - July 15, 2014 at 01:37 PM

JD

“ Dearest Kim and Kevin, I have been struggling to find the words to describe how broken hearted we all are over the loss of your sweet mother and our unique aunt. How do you find the right words to sum up a woman who was not only our special "classy" aunt but was like a second mother to so many of us. There have been a steady stream of countless memories moving through my mind ever since we lost her. My fondest memories are of the traditional family gatherings at Crystal Lake. When it came to the meals she loved being in the middle of creating those Martha Stewart like spreads! They were assembled with love and tons of fun!!!. She would always add her special touch to the event. The outcome was a cornucopia of colorful, tastey food that could literally feed a small village! She got such pleasure out of meticulously arranging the food cutting and playfully popping those plump grapes in her mouth. She'd then bend over and laugh hysterically with that infectious and unique laugh of hers. It was so fun to see her enjoying every minute of those bashes! Whatever challenge she undertook she dove in with her touch of class and signature style. She was always impeccably dressed and carried herself with dignity and elegance. I pray that time and healing will soon give way to more and more happy comforting memories for you. If you should need anything am here for you. God bless you both. Love your cousin, Juli Dellger, Portland, ME



Juli Dellger - July 27, 2014 at 04:43 PM

JD

“ Dear Kim and Kevin: It's so hard to put into words what Jen meant to our family. We all have many remembrances, of course, but I remember how we laid awake in our beds waiting for you all to arrive, knowing you were coming from " far away", and then listening to Jen and mom talking and catching up late into the night. There was something so comforting about that. Maybe it was kids seeing their parents with their own brothers and sisters that created a larger, safer sense of family. She was always so nice when I went to visit and stayed with you and, of course, she had that inimitable Theyerl manner! There's a picture in the memorial video of her laughing hard and I always liked how she laughed like that. She was crazy about you both and pride poured out of her every time she spoke of you. We all we enriched by having her with us. I will miss her very much.

Joe D.

Joe Dellger - July 17, 2014 at 12:52 PM

AR

“ Kim and Family: Deepest sympathy on the passing of your mother. It is never easy to lose a parent, but soon you'll enjoy the happy memories of your times together. Her children and grandchildren are the gifts she leaves from a long and fruitful life. We'll keep you in our thoughts.

- Andy Rominiecki and your friends at Discover.

Andy Rominiecki - July 16, 2014 at 12:51 PM

ST

“ *Cousin Kim Keven and Family,
What a pretty lady and wonderful aunt your mom was to me. I
always looked forward to seeing Aunt Gen and uncle Justin. It is so
hard to lose a wonderful aunt like your mom and I wish I could have
seen her more. I would like to offer our deepest sympathies to you
from Sue and I on her passing. I remember when your mom came
to take care of us as kids when my mom was so sick at Mayo clinic.
Not just anyone would volunteer to do that. It seems like just
yesterday. God bless you all and I pray that God is with you in your
grief.
Love
Steve and Sue Theyerl*

Steven Theyerl - July 16, 2014 at 12:13 PM

PF

“ *Patricia Lull and Richard Theyerl and families
purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket
for the family of Genevieve M. Riley.*



Patricia Lull and Richard Theyerl and families - July 15, 2014
at 02:24 PM

CD

“ Kevin, Kim and Families,
We are so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I pray that God will wrap all of you in His loving arms and grant you the healing of your grieving hearts. We are sorry that we are unable to attend the visitation & funeral. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers!
I have many fond memories of my aunt Gen from family gatherings. One very special memory is when she came to take care of me & my five siblings when my mother was very ill. I remember her bouncing Kim, who was quite young on the bed & singing Kimmie, Kimmie , co-co pop. Kimmie, Kimmie, pop!
She will be greatly missed but the memory of her kind and loving heart along with her great laugh will always be remembered!
With Our Deepest Sympathy,
John & Cathy (Theyerl) Dunton

Cathy Dunton - July 15, 2014 at 12:26 PM

KZ

“ Kevin, Kim and Families,
I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Sending hugs and prayers to you and your families!
Kim McDonough Zinman

Kim Zinman - July 15, 2014 at 07:48 AM