



Racine Victoria O'Connell

December 30, 1917 - February 14, 2017

Racine Victoria O'Connell, age 99, of Jasper, Indiana, died peacefully in the Lord at 5:10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper, Indiana.

Racine was born on December 30, 1917, in Logan, Ohio. Her parents were Cyrus and Marie (Brown) Rochester. She was baptized at St. John's Catholic Church and graduated from Logan High School in Logan, Ohio. She worked at the department of children and protected service upon graduation from high school and married James Francis O'Connell on June 23, 1945. They were married 68 years. He died on February 1, 2014. Surviving are eight children; Pat O'Connell (Linda), Terre Haute, IN, Therese Hochstetler (Bob), Jasper, IN, Kathleen Abernathy (John), Rio Rancho, NM, Mike O'Connell (Linda), Springville, IN, Katie O'Connell, Bloomington, IN, Jim O'Connell (Louise), Paoli, IN, Dan O'Connell (Ann), Portage, MI, and Kevin O'Connell (Janet), Elk River, MN. They have many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Racine committed her life to her family and faith. Her motto was "don't give up the ship." This meant never to give up on your faith and family. She was an advocate for children and the unborn. One of her favorite scripture passages was from John's gospel chapter 13 verse 34: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." Her top ten sayings were: 10) kindness is a language everybody understands, 9) work on your marriage all your life, 8) all

things will pass, 7) always be grateful, 6) don't be afraid to be happy, 5) remember who your best friend is 4) Jesus is your best friend, 3) be true to yourself, 2) who wants to live forever and 1) trust in the Lord, we belong to Him. Three of the happiest periods in her life were marrying our father, having eight children and working with the monks at St. Meinrad.

The Funeral Mass for Racine Victoria O'Connell will be celebrated by Fr. Ben Syberg and Fr. Eugene Hensell, O.S.B. at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. A visitation will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2017 at the Becher – Kluesner North Chapel, 3221 N. Newton Street, Jasper, Indiana 47546.

Fr. Vic Subb, Glenmary, will conduct a vigil service at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers the family request that you donate to the monks of St. Meinrad at St. Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad, IN 47577; the Carmelite Sisters at 59 Allendale, Terre Haute, IN 47802; and the Little Sisters of the Poor at 2345 W 86th St, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - North
3221 N. Newton Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Mass

FEB 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church
1029 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Tribute Wall



“ *Racine Victoria O'Connell*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *I only had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. O'Connell once, on her son Mike's 60th birthday, but having known Mike and the man he is for 20 years now, I know that she must have been one amazing woman. He lives out her favorite bible verse through actions in his daily and professional life every single day. May she rest in peace and may her family find solace in knowing she can't get any closer to God and her beloved husband than she is now, which is exactly where she wants and deserved to be.*



Rebecca J. - February 20, 2017 at 11:03 AM



“ *I had the honor of working with Jim during the construction of Rockport Plant. Jim and his lovely bride Racine were always encouraging and supportive to the young me. I still laugh at the precious memories. Please accept my deepest sympathy and prayers at the loss of this beautiful soul. I believe heaven gained an angel!*



Laura Fischer - February 16, 2017 at 02:48 PM

SK

“ Racine always brightened my day when I visited Dad at St. Charles. I thought of her as the 'Cheerleader' for the assisted living hall. Racine spoke kindly to all and gave encouragement to her hall-mates. I loved to sit with her and listen to her tell stories about her children. She was so proud of ALL of you. Even when she felt bad, she always said tomorrow would be better. She was a regular 'couch sitter' by the nurses station and kept conversations among her peers light and cheerful. When it was hard to come to visit, she reminded me of how much it meant for residents to have their children visit. I can honestly say that Racine was one of the most pleasant women I have ever met. Angels among us? You bet, and her name is Racine!

sarah kasprzak - February 16, 2017 at 06:17 AM

CH

“ Racine was always a smiling face at St. Charles when I came to visit my Pop. She will be missed. Prayers for her family.

Chris - February 15, 2017 at 08:57 PM

JS

“ Such a sweet woman, I'll miss saying a Hail Mary with her before she would go to sleep! She will be greatly missed! Love and prayers to all of the family!



Janessa Schepers - February 15, 2017 at 08:25 PM

MM

“ February the 14th. The day of love. She was SO full of love. Out of town thinking of her and all of you in prayer. Sincerely, Mimi



mimi meadows - February 15, 2017 at 08:07 PM

CP

“ Carl Pace lit a candle in memory of Racine Victoria O'Connell



Carl Pace - February 15, 2017 at 06:18 PM

CP

“ Your Mom was an angel in my eyes for so many reasons. Now she has gone on to the heaven that she so deserves. I take comfort in knowing that she is now our angel in heaven with all those that she loved. Rest assured that she will never be forgotten. The days ahead will be difficult for you all, but be assured of prayers and support from afar for you all.
Carl J. Pace, Kansas City

Carl Pace - February 15, 2017 at 06:17 PM

MB

“ I will be with you in prayer over the next few days. May you celebrate your mom's life with the same gusto she lived it. Rev. Matthew Brumleve, Odessa, MO

Matthew Brumleve - February 15, 2017 at 04:25 PM