



## Elinor Verla Rici

November 19, 1919 - September 9, 2012

Elinor Verla Rici, 92, died peacefully at her home on Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012.

She was born Nov. 19, 1919, to Fred T. and Dorothy (Anderson) Heuer in Bureau Township near Princeton, Ill. She married Lawrence Rici June 30, 1938, in Princeton, where together they built the successful Rici's Restaurant, touted as "the best" for miles around.

In later years, Elinor traveled taking government health census. In the 1970's, she relocated to Grand Forks, N.D., to be closer to family and spent 21 years as county probate clerk until her retirement at age 71.

As a member of the Legion of Mary, Elinor aided those less fortunate. She was an oil painter, a seamstress, an interior decorator, and a lover of nature's beauty. She loved to sing and to reminisce about her youth on the farm and good times at the country school. Friends and family were very important to her, and she was proud to be the oldest relative at two family reunions in Illinois this summer.

Elinor is survived by a daughter, Karen Luessenheide (Duane) of Plymouth, Minn.; three granddaughters, Katrin Salyers (Tom) of London, England, Gretchen Luessenheide (Dave Johnson) of New Hope, Minn., and Ingrid Restemayer (Jerrod) of Minneapolis, Minn.; and seven great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are one sister, Dorothy (Albert) Anderson of Princeton; two brothers, Clark Heuer (Bhebs) of LaBelle, Fla., and Orin Heuer of Port LaBelle, Fla., as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, Dennis; two great-grandchildren; and five brothers and two sisters.

Visitation will be at 10 a.m. Sept. 22 followed by an 11 a.m. funeral Mass at St. Louis Catholic Church, 616 S. Gosse Blvd., Princeton. Burial will follow at Elm Lawn Memorial Park, Princeton. A luncheon will follow at the church hall.

The Norberg Memorial Home, Princeton, is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Elm Lawn Memorial Park

Knox St  
Princeton, IL 61356