



Venna Marie Comar

August 5, 1915 - April 8, 2018

The soul of Venna Marie Comar winged its way to heaven on Sunday, April 8, 2018, at Pine Valley Healthcare in Richland Center. She was born August 5, 1915, to George and Lolo Smith James of Richland Center, WI.

November 25, 1937, she married Paul Comar, a dairy and beef farmer of Richland County. Venna graduated Richland Center high school in 1933, Richland County Teachers College in 1934 and with a B.S. in Elementary Education from Platteville in 1972. She taught rural Richland County schools for 25 years, as an in home teacher for 8 years, and then 10 years of Special Ed in Richland Center. As an exceptional and well liked teacher, she was still receiving holiday and birthday cards from many of her past students.

Venna belonged to Eastern Star. She joined the Presbyterian Church in 1928 where she became an elder, a deacon, and a member of Circle. She was a 4-H leader for 10 years. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, baking, and projects of all kinds. She was always lending a helping hand to those who sought her help or advice.

Venna and husband, Paul, never turned away a stray animal or child. The number of and some of the names have been lost of the county's foster children who passed through their door. Some came for several days, weeks, or months. Others came for a life time.

Venna leaves behind a daughter, Jo-Ann (Vernon) Neal of Markham, TX; foster son, Cary (Shirley) Barto of Waseca, MN; foster daughters, Patricia (Ryan) Coyne of Las Cruces, NM, Beatta Fisher (Charles) Catanzaro of

Mundelein, IL, Nan Barto Nelson of Richland Center, WI; a sister, Emily Fish and a brother, Donald James both of Richland Center. She also leaves behind 5 grandchildren to forever cherish her precious memories, Lori Boyle Johnson, Heidi Gochenaur Hinkes, Amanda Gochenaur Kelsey, Jeffry Gochenaur and Darcee Guerrerro. She has 14 great grandchildren and the great-greats are still counting.

Venna was preceded in death by her parents George and Lolo James; her husband Paul Comar; a daughter Mary Comar Boyle; 2 brothers Albion (Fuzz), and Raymond; a sister Phyllis Mullendore; foster daughter Bonnie Ferguson; and a grandson Lance Boyle.

Funeral Services with a Eastern Star Service will be held on Friday, April 13, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Pine Valley Healthcare Chapel with visitation from 10:00 AM until the time of services. Burial will be held at the Richland Center Cemetery. The Clary Memorial Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. On line condolences can be made at www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Richland Center Cemetery

Richland Center, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pine Valley Health Care Chapel
25951 Circle View Drive
Richland Center, WI 53581

Funeral Service

APR 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Pine Valley Health Care Chapel
25951 Circle View Drive
Richland Center, WI 53581

Tribute Wall

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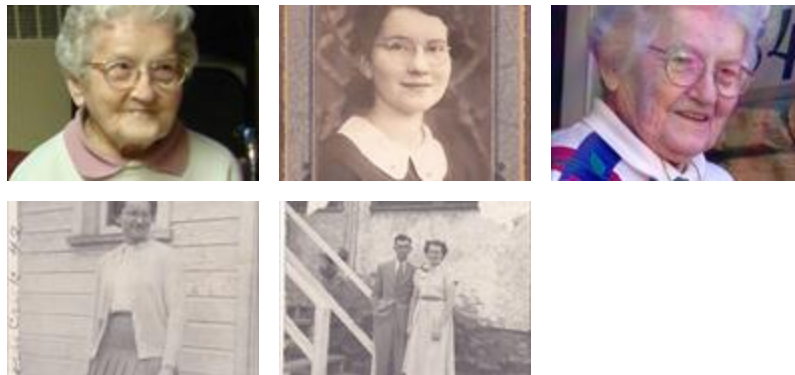
“ Kent and I would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the family we found and the family they shared life with. Venna must be a wonderful, kind, considerate person to do the beautiful work of a teacher of disabled and other children as well as raise children who needed a place to call home. I have to applaud this beautiful woman and her saint-like lifestyle which probably led to her longevity. I hope that in the coming days, weeks and years you can all remember the good she did for so many and smile at the signs and memories you will always have and share as you go forward. Let the memories carry you through your lifetimes!! Hugs and prayers to you all!

Kent and Carrie (Barto) Whipp

Kent and Carrie Whipp - April 13, 2018 at 11:23 PM

LJ

“ 24 files added to the tribute wall



Lori Johnson - April 13, 2018 at 01:26 AM

JN

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Jo-Ann Neal - April 11, 2018 at 06:59 PM

JN

“ Many happy family memories.



Jo-Ann Neal - April 11, 2018 at 02:32 AM

JN

I am Jo-Ann's daughter-in-law. I never had the privilege to meet Mrs. Comar but through the years I have heard so much of what an impression she made on so many lives. I apologize for my technical failings in posting these for her, but I believe the love shows. She brought together so many and gave them homes and family to cherish for a lifetime. My deepest sympathy for your loss.

Janis Neal - April 11, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ *Blessing of sympathy to everyone. She was such a great lady, with such a loving heart. And Also we share the same birthdate. Cherish those years of great memories she has left you.*

Helen Sheafor - April 10, 2018 at 11:10 PM



“ *Amanda Kelsey (Gochenaur) lit a candle in memory of Venna Marie Comar*



Amanda Kelsey (Gochenaur) - April 10, 2018 at 10:40 PM



“ *Kari Barto Dagner, Colby, and Carter purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Venna Marie Comar.*



Kari Barto Dagner, Colby, and Carter - April 10, 2018 at 08:56 PM

JF

“ I was not a foster kid, but, I, too, feel like I became part of the Comar clan even though I was just an "upstairs renter." I moved into an upstairs apartment immediately after moving here from Illinois. Paul and Venna were like surrogate family to me. Venna even made sure that I became acclimated to the important places in RC by having her niece, Suzanne, play tour guide for me. Some of my favorite memories are the coffee clutch every morning (and most late afternoons) in the Comar kitchen. I also enjoyed going out to eat with Paul and Venna...often! (Venna did not care to cook much either). There were trips to the cabin up north and Badger football games. Venna and I shared a love of animals and teaching. We talked for hours about both. She taught me to quilt. One thing that I have from Venna is a quilt that she made for me. I will treasure it always. My thoughts and prayers go out to the whole family. Joy File

Joy File - April 10, 2018 at 06:38 PM

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I always wondered who lived upstairs. .. sounds like gram and grandpa really enjoyed your company! Thank you for sharing.

Amanda Kelsey (Gochenaur) - April 10, 2018 at 10:06 PM

JN

“ Remember when two strangers took me into their home? They clothed and nurtured me. Before long I became the 2'nd daughter of Venna and Paul Comar. Now I had a real family with aunts, uncles, cousins and other foster children who became like brothers and sisters to me. Wow, I was blessed! Thank you for making this all possible.

You was always near to lend a helping hand, to teach, to instruct, to get us to Sunday school, 4-H meetings, to apply the band-aids, etc. You was a miracle worker.

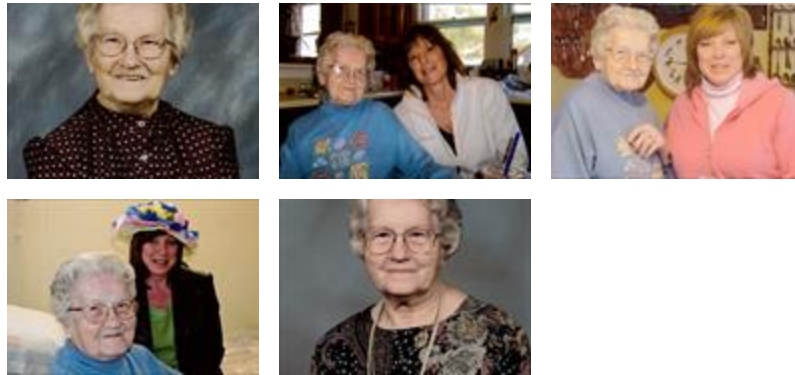
Love you beyond words,

Jo-Ann (Joey)

Jo--Ann Neal - April 10, 2018 at 04:39 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Venna



Clary Memorial Funeral Home - April 10, 2018 at 09:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Venna Marie Comar.*



April 10, 2018 at 09:01 AM



“ *Grandmom was always helping me meet my full potential. She would even tell all my teachers my bad habits when she was substitute teaching. When I moved back to Wisconsin from Texas she helped my kids get caught up and even excel in classes we never thought possible. My grandma was amazing, phenomenal, loving, supportive and a vast source of knowledge. She traced our family lineage without the internet but simply with her beautifully hand written letters. My life and that of my kids has been greatly enhanced by her wise words, her encouragement and her love. My heart aches but I celebrate her life and all the lives she has touch. Te amo abuelita bonita.*

Darcee Guerrero - April 09, 2018 at 11:32 PM



“ *Mom I don't know where I would be today if it wasn't for you and dad taking me in. I will never forget the memories and the love you showed me. On behalf of my family, your grandchildren and great grandchildren we thank you and will never forget you.*

Beautta Daughter

Christina Granddaughter

Douglas Grandson

Emma and Sophie Great granddaughters

Bennett and Evan Great grandsons

Beautta Catanzaro - April 09, 2018 at 06:34 PM

DM

“ Venna was a very special lady. I was a cna that took care of her with lots of pride. Sometimes we would have a history lesson before bed. I'll never forget the story of her pet turkey and many other stories she shared. She will be greatly missed, but I know she is where she wanted to be. God bless all of her family and thank you for letting her be a part of our lives for 9 years. Debra Mueller

Debra Mueller - April 09, 2018 at 05:30 PM

DG

Did she mention how much that pet turkey hate the UPS guy fond memories. Grandma loved her turkey but that turkey dislike almost everyone.

Darcee Guerrero - April 09, 2018 at 11:19 PM

NC

I had the privilege of having Venna Comar as my 4th and 5th grade teacher in a one-room school at Bear Valley in the late 1950's. She was my favorite by far. She even had to come to my house a few times a week to teach one of my brothers who was bedridden for a couple of years. Then I lost track of her until she became a resident while I was a cna at Pine Valley. Many years had passed but she could remember me and my family and we reminisced about those days many times. I also admired her for the fact that she and her husband opened their home to children who where less fortunate providing their needs for them. She always had a smile and it was a privilege to be one of those who met her needs in her last days. May her family find great comfort in celebrating her life. God bless.

Nancy Clary

Nancy Clary - April 10, 2018 at 05:06 PM

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Nancy, I wish I would have known my grandmother back then in the 50's. I have learned so much more about her as the years have passed, especially her passion to help others. Heck, growing up, she was just grandma to me with lots of fun times.... I had no idea exactly just how grand she really was...until now. Thank you for sharing. ~ One of her granddaughters, Amanda

Amanda Kelsey (Gochenaur) - April 10, 2018 at 10:18 PM