

Rowe Funeral Home of Grand Rapids, Minnesota

Rose Grace Balen (Died December 26, 2011)



Rose Grace Balen, age 85, of Grand Rapids, MN, died December 26, 2011 at Diamond Willow Assisted Living in Grand Rapids, MN.

Rose was born in 1926 to Antonio and Clorinda Gualtieri in Chicago, Illinois, where she grew up and attended schools. Rose was united in marriage to John Frank Balen on October 5, 1946 in Chicago Illinois. They relocated to Grand Rapids, MN in 1950. Rose volunteered at many different organizations over the years including, The Salvation Army, Hospital Auxiliary, St. Josephs Church, and the Second Harvest Food Bank. She was also a member of the Independent Order of Foresters.

Rose is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John; her son, Richard Balen; a brother, Edward Gualtieri; and a granddaughter Lindsay Balen.

She is survived by one daughter Linda (Daryl) Olson; two sons, Jeff Balen and Scott (Heidi) Balen; a daughter-in-law, Kim Balen; four brothers, Antonio (Vivian) Gualtieri, Louis Gualtieri, Mario Gualtieri, and Salvatore "Sammy" (Jo) Gualtieri; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Visitation will be 4 to 6 P.M. Monday, January 2nd at the Rowe Funeral Home in Grand Rapids.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 A.M. Tuesday, January 3rd at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Grand Rapids. Rev. Fr. Jerry Weiss will officiate.

Burial will be in the Harris Cemetery, Harris Township, Minnesota.
