



Rowena "Rene" (Town) Kather

July 2, 1934 - August 12, 2017

Rowena (Rene Town) Kather, age 83, died at the home of her daughter in Marietta on Saturday, August 12, 2017.

Rene was a graduate of LaFayette Central School. She was also a graduate of Syracuse University, from which she held the degree of Master of Public Administration from the Maxwell School. As a veteran of the US Navy during the Korean War, she served in hospitals that received injured soldiers from the Korean War. She was proud to be a Hospital Corpsman helping in the care of Navy and Marine Corps personnel. She was especially proud to have drawn blood from then General Dwight Eisenhower, later President of the United States. Rene retired as Director of Analytical and Technical Services from State University College of Environmental Science and Forestry at the end of 1990. During her retirement, she served as Commander of American Legion Post 1388 in Fabius. She also enjoyed her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, gardening, golfing and traveling.

She is survived by two sons, William (Sandra) Paben of Cazenovia and Eric (Ricky) Kather of Charlotte, NC; two daughters, Elaine (Richard) Haumann of Marietta and Nancy Kather of Liverpool; eleven grandchildren, Danielle (Chad) Volles, Theresa (Jeffrey) Reisner, Matthew Town, Ian Haumann, and Nicholas (Katie) Paben, William and Ralph Paben, Tish and Kevin Everson, Shaina and AJ Davis; eight great-grandchildren, Allison, Lauren and Jacob

Volles, Annora, Torrey and Liberty Reisner, and Madison and Melody Town. Additionally, the special people in her life surviving are Virginia Scida and her children Joseph (Cherisse), Daniel, Peter and Theresa (Mike) and their combined children, Joseph, Alexis, Sarah, Casey, Julie, Jacob, Anna and Maria. Rene is also survived by several loving nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be Wednesday, August 16, 2017, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13205. Funeral services will be Thursday, August 17, 2017, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial, with military honors, will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Jamesville.

In lieu of flowers: Rene was an advocate of charitable donations. Please consider donations to the American Lung Association, Auto-Immune Research, Stem Cell Research, Alzheimer's, or any children's fund.

To express sympathy, please visit www.ballweg-lunsford.com.

Cemetery Details

Jamesville Walnut Grove Cemetery

6471 East Seneca Turnpike
Jamesville, NY 13078

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **16**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I want to express my sympathy to my Great Aunt's Family (My mother, Paula Town, was her niece). I always enjoyed stories I have heard of her. What stands out is how happy all the memories retold were and the happiness in the eyes of my mom and her sister as they spoke of their time with her. What a testament to her to have brought so much joy to so many! Thinking of you all.

Jill Westerfield

Jill Westerfield - August 20, 2017 at 09:16 PM

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“ I am a nephew of Virginia Scida and cousin of her children- Joe, Dan, Pete and Theresa. I first met Rene in the summer of 1991 on my first visit to Tully. It was one of the best vacations of my life, and Rene was a big part of that. I loved our great conversations about so many topics. She was so intelligent with a great sense of humor. She loved Syracuse sports and the Sky Chiefs, so sports chats were always fun. She had a genuine integrity and sincerity at all times, and was very passionate in her values and beliefs. May you cherish the memory of this special woman who touched so many lives. You have my deep sympathy and comfort.

David Early
Los Angeles, California

David Early - August 19, 2017 at 06:27 PM

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“ my great Aunt Reyne was so many wonderful things, but to me in particular she was someone I looked up to, she was funny and we shared the same sense of humor. I'm so grateful to have so many wonderful memories, one being her teaching me how to properly "blow" tinsel on the Christmas tree at her Christmas parties that I fondly remember attending every year as a child. As I got older I stopped going to her Christmas parties for reasons unknown but after I had my 2nd child and got married I reached out to reconnect and am so happy that my girls got to attend at least 1 Christmas party at their great great Aunt's home and I'm glad that they now too have that memory. I love u, I will miss you and may you RIP. Also I bet as she walked through the pearly gates of heaven it was quite a reunion with those that have passed before her and I'm sure that her and my mother and my grandmother are all having quite the reunion right now.

Aimee McConnell - August 15, 2017 at 03:10 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rowena "Rene" (Town) Kather.



August 14, 2017 at 06:39 PM