



## Myrtle Virginia Grathen

June 9, 1917 - January 13, 2013

Myrtle V. Grathen

RACINE-Myrtle Virginia (nee: Nelson) Grathen, 95, went home to be with Jesus on January 13, 2013.

Myrtle was born in Racine to the late James C. and Rose (nee: Hansen) Nelson on June 9, 1917. As a young girl, she worked in her father's grocery store. During World War II, Myrtle worked at Hamilton Beach, later in life she worked at the local J.C. Penney stores. On November 24, 1934, Myrtle was united in marriage to Edward Grathen. Myrtle was known to be very witty and had a keen sense of humor. She was always there for anyone who needed help or care. Myrtle enjoyed and kept busy sharing her skills in gardening, canning, Danish baking, and crocheting.

Myrtle is survived by her children, Rosemary (Jack) Young, Donna (Harvey) Mulder, Dale (Eva) Grathen, and Sharon (Terry) Klimowicz; grandchildren: Kim Manderfield, Tracy Young, Micki Burman, Vicki Van Gilder, Mark Mulder, Krista Hull, and Angela Vlach; thirteen great grandchildren; and five great, great grandchildren. She is further survived by nieces and nephews who affectionately called her "Dear Sweet Aunt Myrtle", one brother-in-law, two sisters-in-law, and close friends.

Myrtle was preceded in death by her husband, Edward; infant son, Dean Scott Grathen; grandson, Patrick Young; two sisters; two brothers; eight brothers-in-law; and two sisters-in-law.

A memorial service celebrating Myrtle's life will be held at Grace Lutheran

Church, 3700 Washington Ave, on Saturday, April 6th, 2013 at 12 noon. Visitation will be from 11a.m. until service time with Rev. Randal Poppe officiating. Myrtle will be laid to rest at West Lawn Memorial Park in a private ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Myrtle in a special way may direct memorials to Grace Lutheran Church, 3700 Washington Ave., or to a charity of one's choice.

Myrtle's family wishes to thank Walnut Grove for the wonderful care she received and also the entire staff at Gentiva Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave  
Racine, WI 53406

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church  
3700 Washington Ave  
Racine, WI

## Memorial Service

APR 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

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