



Vera "Rae" Chrono

December 9, 1926 - January 19, 2022

Vera "Rae" Gilbert Chrono

Born into a family of five children, Vera was the youngest. When first learning her name, all she could say was "Rae Rae" so the name stuck and became her knick name.

Her early life was spent in Lansdale, PA. After graduating high school in 1944, she went on to receive a Bachelors Degree in Education at Ohio University 1948.

While at OU, she was set up on blind date with her future husband Albert Chrono of Westfield, NJ. Albert also graduated from OU with a Bachelor's Degree in Education.

During two years while Albert was in military service, she went to work as a kindergarten teacher. After Al returned, they married in 1950 and settled in Westfield.

Albert worked at the local YMCA, working his way up to Physical Director. They had their first child David and later Lucinda, Bruce and Matthew. In 1962 Albert took a job as the Executive Director of a YMCA summer camp in Dingman's Ferry, PA. The family spent many summers there and Rae was in charge of the camp store.

In 1968, Albert took position as Executive Director of the Madison YMCA so the family moved to Madison. By then the children were all in school and Rae went back to full time teaching kindergarteners. She loved children and often spoke to her teenage kids like they were kindergarteners.

During their time in Madison they bought a large, beat up Colonial, Federal and Victorian home. It was a great challenge. Rae's design instincts orchestrated restoration and reconstruction of the home. This effort led Rae and Al to a love of antiques and restoration. Together, they started going to flea markets, auctions and garage sales buying vintage farm tools, furniture, hurricane lamps, dolls cow bells etc. In this home, they hosted many parties for family and friends. Rae was quite the hostess.

After the children moved away, they did not need such a large home so they bought a smaller and much older home in Madison circa 1730. There they did extensive research and restoration of the old Luke Miller house.

Eventually they both retired and opened up a furniture stripping shop. Al did stripping and refinishing while Rae had an antique shop in another part of the building. Eventually they sold the Luke Miller house, their summer home on the Jersey Shore, the stripping shop and moved to Florida.

In the Florida home, they hosted many social gatherings too. Once again, Rae did a fab job on making their new home very special. It too was filled with beautiful antiques. Al fought Parkinson's disease for 20 years and eventually succumbed in 2012 at the age of 85. Rae moved into an assisted living facility in 2017 and passed at the age of 95. They are now both together again.

She was loved by many and will be missed by many.

Rae is survived by son David Chrono, daughter Lucinda, granddaughter Jessica , grandson Jonathon and five great grandchildren.

Tribute Wall

DA

“ Rae was one of a kind. She and Al accepted Dave's friends like we were their kids.
She was baking one time and helped myself to a couple brownies...which I knew she would give us anyway. Next time I walked into the house she greeted me..."Hello Brownie". Well, that nickname stuck.

Went to the Stanhope house with her and Al to see Doc Watson and his son. She was so interested in our music and what we were doing...so I always thought it was great hanging with Rae and Al.

Can't leave the site without mentioned what an unbelievable job she did with the house on John Marshall Lane. She was able to take that house and, if memory serves me, had the Lincoln Room and Washington Room.

Then the Luke Miller house...always doing the little things to make it better.

Her wedding gift to Jan and me is a cherished chair we still have up in Ticonderoga.they shared their love of antiques with Jan's parents...and the little book she gave our son.

Now that she's with Al again...they can go to the heavenly flea markets and start collecting all over again.

God bless you Rea and thanks for the love!!!

Dave & Jan Arthur - February 01, 2022 at 08:44 AM

LC

“ Absolutely wonderful friends and neighbors ❤️ ❤️ we always had so much fun together! At least she's up in heaven with Al !!!!

Leona Cantone - January 31, 2022 at 06:28 PM

PW

“ Pat Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Vera "Rae" Chrono



Pat Wilcox - January 30, 2022 at 10:00 AM

PW

Aunt Rae will be missed by many. Her sunny personality was always evident as well as her respect for her ancestry. She could talk you're ear off with stories of the many pictures of past generations she proudly displayed in her homes. Having moved away from home early on, I was lucky that we ended up moving near her after we retired. I was able to reconnect with her and spend quality time visiting her. I will always be glad I had that opportunity to get to know her, both from a child's perspective and an adult's perspective. Each has their own special moments. I know she is at peace and happy to be back with Uncle Al.

Pat Wilcox - January 30, 2022 at 10:16 AM

AG

“ *Our deepest sympathy on the passing of Rae, she was very special persons to all of us specially to our children. We spent the best times during Easter vacations at their home in Florida many times. Rae and Al were like a second family to us. May she Rest In Peace. Always in our hearts, we loved them dearly.*



aida Gomes - January 29, 2022 at 09:36 PM

JA

“ *Have very fond memories of Rae and Al. Loved the New Year's Eve parties at both houses. Loved spending time in Jersey both in Madison and Toms River. Rae will be missed by all the people she shared a friendship with.*
Jim Arendt

Jim Arendt - January 29, 2022 at 05:49 PM

AL

“ *So many fond memories of Rae and the entire Chrono family clan. From famed 4th of July parties with homemade birch beer (1st time ever tasting it as a kid!) To the tree swing, haunted ghosts tales from Rae, and oh the love of those antiques ! Precious times and she will be missed. Now joining her husband, Matthew and David -. All gone too soon. Rae lived an amazing service filled life. I am honored to have known her with cherished early childhood memories. Lotsa love and hugs to all! ❤️❤️*



Andrea Libretti - January 29, 2022 at 12:45 PM

CL

“ Chris Lockhart lit a candle in memory of Vera "Rae" Chrono



Chris Lockhart - January 29, 2022 at 12:25 PM

CL

I chose a blue candle to match her outfit by her doll house. These are great photos over time. It was always fun to visit Rae. She was a great hostess with a warm smile and loving heart, and lots of antiques and family photos to share - complete with the stories behind them. Sending love and blessings to all the family.

Chris Lockhart - January 29, 2022 at 12:29 PM



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Maloney Funeral Home - January 28, 2022 at 02:30 PM

DC

You made the best chocolate chip cookies.

David Chrono - January 28, 2022 at 11:53 PM

BO

Rae was a warm and caring hostess to a nonstop group of rowdy teenagers all through our high school years. Even when someone who will not be named made a sandwich out of an entire tray of her freshly baked brownies, she never banned us from coming over. Our unofficial 50th reunion at her Florida house was a highlight I will never forget. She was a remarkable woman who will be missed.

Bob - January 29, 2022 at 12:13 AM



My childhood years are filled with so many fond memories of the Chrones on John Marshall lane. I absolutely adored their home and antiques and where my affinity for them came from. May they be warm and blessed with being in each other's arms again. 💕🙏 Donna Libretti cooke

Donna Cooke - January 29, 2022 at 06:50 AM

AB

Couldn't agree more with Bob's memory...late 60's was a tough time to be a parent. However Rae was always gracious and accommodating and a model mom. I always thought she could've been a museum curator for antiques of many types, very special collector's taste and aesthetic. Too bad it was only passed on to her offspring in the form of motorcycles.

Another Bob - January 29, 2022 at 12:29 PM

RM

Rae was my favorite aunt and I always enjoyed the Christmas family get together at her place.

Rick Merriman - January 29, 2022 at 12:59 PM

MT

*There aren't enough words to describe the wonderful times, memories we shared together. Our last years of friendship was shared with each other sending letters of stories, memories and pictures ! At her request, we sent her pictures we had of Al & her. I knew she passed when our Easter card was returned.....although so saddened, we know she is with her Dear Al. We cherish the little wooden bird cage they gave us, explaining to us the history behind it! The miners use to place it in the mines, with a little bird, to let them know if it was safe!
What we learned from Rae & Al is priceless. They were unique, living & always opening their home and hearts to everyone.
May you Rest In Peace ...I'm sure they are decorating Heaven with Antiques!
Love
Kennetta and Kenny Tomaso*

Mr Mrs Kenny Tomaso - April 07, 2022 at 09:59 AM