

Geraldine Joan Riso Rail, 89, of Waycross died Sunday, July 29, 2007, at her residence from a brief illness.

She was born and raised in New York to Italian immigrants Salvatore and Lucretzia Morano Riso. She worked for Catholic charities to help her family through the Great Depression. She married Albert W. Barnum on Sept. 1, 1945. She worked as a New York clerk of court and as an administrative secretary at Queens College. She also was a homemaker. She married James P. Rail on July 9, 1971. In 1984, she moved to Clayton, where she made her home for 22 years. She was a member of St. Helena Catholic Church in Clayton and St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Waycross.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Albert W. Barnum and James P. Rail.

Survivors include: two daughters and a son-in-law, Veronica d'Entremont of Franklin, N.C., and Cathy and Jerry Daniels of Waycross; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis J. and Eileen Barnum of Escalon, Calif., and Thomas A. and Dawn Barnum of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; a stepdaughter, Mary R. Drennan of Oyster Bay, N.Y.; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Phillip and Joanne Rail of Hudson, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Eileen Susmarski of Erie, Pa.; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Dorothy Riso of Morehead City, N.C.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Wednesday at Music Funeral Home in Waycross. A graveside service will be held at noon Friday at Roane Cemetery in Clayton.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice Satilla, 317 Plant Ave., Waycross, GA 31501.

Music Funeral Home in Waycross and Beck Funeral Home in Clayton are in charge of arrangements. An online memorial is available at www.musicfuneralhome.com.

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