

Dorothy Rose Nagy

May 11, 1927 - May 3, 2020

Dorothy Rose Nagy, 92, died at 12:10 a.m. on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at Integrity of Godfrey after a brief illness. She was born May 11, 1927 in Alton, Illinois, the daughter of the late Roy Raymond and Rose Louise (Bock) Collins. Surviving are one son, Dennis Nagy of Alton, one daughter, Gayle Hill Poehlman (Bruce) of Godfrey, eight grandchildren, Kristopher Nagy (Sarah), Brian Nagy, Matthew Nagy, Elly Nagy, Patrick Nagy, Ryan Hill, Nathan Hill and Chester Hill IV (Ashley), thirteen great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, and one sister, June Nagy of Quincy, Illinois. Preceding her in death were her husband, William B. Nagy and her brother-in-law, Frank S. Nagy.

On May 28, 1949, she and Bill were married after meeting at Shurtleff College in Alton. He had returned from active duty with the Navy following WWII. She contributed 55 years of community service making a lasting impact on the area. In 1985, she was elected Supervisor of Foster Township, serving until 2009. In the 1980's, she spearheaded a program called AARP Tax Counseling for the Elderly. She was also very involved with Alton Community Service League, YWCA, a leader for both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, United Way, Alton Children's Theater, Alton-Wood River Cancer Prevention Study, American Red Cross, Pride, Inc., among other organizations. In 2017, she was honored with the YWCA Woman of Distinction Award for her community contributions. She said, "My life has been so fulfilling. I am very fortunate to have worked with so many wonderful people along the way." Her family was her pride and joy and she loved watching them grow. A private mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. Father Paul Nguyen will officiate. Burial will be at Upper Alton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Pride, Inc., which is dedicated to community beautification, teaching the value of volunteerism and promoting pride in our community. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Comments



I remember your folks vividly from St. Mary's, as they were contemporaries of my folks. Before retirement from the county, I often dealt with local elected officials and no one was more caring and dedicated than your Mom. May the angels welcome her home, along with your Dad and others who have gone before us. May her soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in peace.

Kerry Miller - May 09 at 10:02 AM



Gayle spoke of her mother often and it was all with the highest admiration and love. Gayle and I worked together at Depaul hospital and since retirement have been in contact through frequent text, email, phone, lunches and outings. On the occasions that I've been to Gayle's beautiful home overlooking the river, she has so many fond, beautiful, cherished memories of her mother. Dorothy was placed in an assisted living facility in recent years. Last year with the floods, other than being isolated in her home stranded with the roads flooded, one of the hardest parts was for Gayle's inability to get out to visit her mom.

Now in 2020 she was unable to see her mom again. With the pandemic quarantine issues, it broke my heart to hear that Gayle stood outside her mom's window to see her and her last days on earth.

It goes without saying if you meet Gail with her sophisticated beauty and knowledge her parental influence was top notch. I wish I could've personally met Dorothy, but I feel like I know her so well through Gayle.

Dianne Stock - May 07 at 06:55 AM



66 Dianne, thank you so much for your reflections on the last few years. Your words are so kind and I take comfort in your friendship.

Gayle A Poehlman - May 08 at 09:30 AM



Bobbie Bailey lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Rose Nagy





66 Thank you so much, Bobby.

Gayle A Poehlman - May 08 at 09:31 AM



Gretchen E Edmiston lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Rose Nagy



Gretchen E Edmiston - May 06 at 03:00 PM



So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I have so many nice memories of her and your dad. They were such good friends to Mom and Dad, and we had such fun at picnics and outings with them and the other bridge club members. Your mom was always so sweet and friendly. Hugs and prayers.

Gretchen E Edmiston - May 06 at 02:59 PM



66 Hi Gretchen. Yes, our parents with their long time friendship through bridge was a great one. I remember all the fun they had together, and my goodness, what good bridge players they all were. Thank you so much for posting.

Gayle A Poehlman - May 08 at 09:35 AM



Gayle, what a special, beautiful and very sweet lady your mom was! I feel so honored to have known both your parents all these years!! I cherish all the great memories!! She touched so many lives in such positive ways! You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time!! Love you!! Barb (Pitts) and Craig Smith

Barbara Smith - May 05 at 03:13 PM



They/We had so much fun together at the Pitts farm. Our parents also loved to go dancing together. You all were so generous with your friendships. Thank you for your very kind comments.

Gayle A Poehlman - May 08 at 09:38 AM



Gayle, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother. She was such a kind-spirited, sweet lady. I enjoyed seeing her in these last few years and visiting with her and you at Morningside and Rosewood. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Love, Greg and Debbie Gates

Debbie Gates - May 05 at 01:31 PM



Debbie, it was always so nice to see you and Greg on those Sundays as you visited your friend at the assisted living also. Those visits are so important to the residents as they become so lonely being away from their homes. It always brings sunshine to their day. Thank you for your nice comments.

Gayle A Poehlman - May 08 at 09:43 AM



I worked with Dorothy on the 125th Fosterburg anniversary. She was a hard and devoted worker for Fosterburg. At that time my late husband Charles Miller was Fire Chief. I also knew her sister and brother in law. They were all very nice people.

Kathryn "Miller" Jarman - May 05 at 11:51 AM



Kathryn, yes she was so devoted to Foster Township. She thought it was an honor to be elected Supervisor and was always compelled to do the best job she could for all the people. Thank you for your nice comments.

Gayle A Poehlman - May 08 at 09:52 AM