



Janice Josephine Gaddis

April 19, 1926 - September 22, 2019

Dateline: Godfrey

Janice Josephine (Catt) Gaddis, 93, was called home by her Lord and Savior on September 22, 2019 at the United Methodist Village. Born April 19, 1926 in Alton, she was the daughter of Orville S. and Lillian H. (Wagner) Catt. She graduated in 1944 from Alton High School, and in 1946 from Sullins College in Bristol, VA.

In addition to raising her children, her life as a homemaker was divided among various interests. She had a voracious appetite for learning, spending countless hours reading, often the dictionary which saturated both her love for learning about things, and for words themselves.

She loved nature and animals, and volunteered at the 5A's for a time during it's inception. She played in bridge clubs, volunteered at the former Arms of Love, and worked in Prison Ministry. She was also a member of the Daughter's of the American Revolution. Attending church and Bible studies were always a priority.

One of her greatest passions which she took up in her early 40's was walking. A hobby she kept up until failing eyesight caused her to stop after 32 years. A conservative estimate has logged her at 8300 miles!

And while all these things gave her joy, what gave her peace and contentment was simply sitting outside with a cup of hot tea, enjoying the world around her.

She is survived by a son, Theodore (Lucette) of Springfield, IL, two daughters, Moreland Gaddis of Alton, and Beth (Charlie) Heintz of Alton. Three grandchildren, Gregory, Bradley, and Andrew Heintz all of Alton, and a sister-in-law, Ginny Bradstreet of Rochester, NY. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Roger and Theodore, a sister-in-law, Violet "Vy", and an infant grandson.

Visitation will be from 9:30 until time of the memorial service at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Pastor Tom Olney will officiate. A private ceremony will be held at a later date for the scattering of her ashes.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the 5A's Animal Shelter. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Events

SEP **Visitation** 09:30AM - 11:00AM

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Gent Funeral Home Inc
2409 State Street, Alton, IL, US, 62002

SEP **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Dear Moreland,

I was sorry to read about your mother's passing. She is a lovely person. You and your family are in our prayers.

Love and condolences,
Ruth E. Bell

Ruth Bell - October 09, 2019 at 07:40 PM



“ Jill Fowler-Trudell



Jill Fowler-Trudell - September 28, 2019 at 04:57 AM



“ Jan was a beautiful lady inside and out! She was a friend of my mother's and as a result, she was kind enough to let me do her hair at JB Johnson Vocational School many years ago, now Alton High.
I loved conversing with her, she was a gentle soul and I felt joy in her presence. My condolences go out to each family member. I hope you gain solace from knowing she is in heaven.

Sincerely, Tina Hall Lamb

Tina Lamb - September 25, 2019 at 11:17 AM



“ Janis was a wonderful person. I am very glad I got to spend some time with her. She has been to a few of the Illinois Council of the Blind Conventions, witch she enjoyed. She will be missed.

Karen Galyen Madison County Association
of the Blind

Karen Galyen - September 25, 2019 at 07:43 AM