



Anita Catherine Wenzel

January 15, 1924 - November 28, 2021

Dateline: Godfrey

Anita Catherine Wenzel, 97, died at 1:18 a.m. Sunday, November 28, 2021 in Alton. Born January 15, 1924 in Alton, she was the daughter of Joseph William and Mary H. (Wardein) Schulz. Mrs. Wenzel was an executive secretary for the Department of Defense during WWII and was the co-owner and operator of Wenzel Photography along side her husband. She was the first female photographer in the Alton area. Anita was a great Bridge player and a two-time Illinois State Senior Spelling Bee champion. On July 25, 1944 she married Harold Wenzel in Alton. He preceded her in death on December 15, 2002. Surviving are two children, Mike Wenzel (Lisa) of Seattle, WA and Gayle Huebener (Bill) of Brighton, a daughter-in-law, Carolyn Wenzel of Crystal City, MO, six grandchildren, Anna Luchi (Jim) of Upland, CA, Jeanette Stein (Torsten "Tom") of Snowhomish, WA, Dan Wenzel of St. Louis, Matt Wenzel (Ashley) of Kirkwood, MO, Mary Kate Kinder (Ryan) of Brighton, and Joe Huebener of Brighton, 10 great grandchildren and a sister, Joan Weinzirl (William) of Missouri. Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Connie Smith and a son, Ron Wenzel, six brothers and four sisters. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of memorial Mass at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 11, 2021 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Brighton. Memorials may be made to St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
918 N. Main Street
Brighton, IL

Memorial Service

DEC 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Anita Catherine Wenzel*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Your parents were wonderful. They did my wedding pictures.
Cathie (Ridenour Rockwood)*

Cathie Ridenour Rockwood - December 11, 2021 at 08:54 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anita Catherine Wenzel.*



December 06, 2021 at 03:57 PM



“ *Anita was a Bridge player but we also had a Monte Carlo Whist Club and had many good times playing that! The Wenzels lived near us on Logan St. And then Anita & Harold lived near us on McKinley Blvd. I went to Marquette with her sister, Stella. She will be missed! Rest in Peace, Anita. My sympathy to the Family,
Dolores Weaver*

Dolores (Dee) Weaver - December 04, 2021 at 09:11 PM

BS

“ So very loss of your mom. She was so sweet and I know that she is at peace. May God give you and your family strength, courage and peace. Praying for all.

Becky Barrett Suhre - December 01, 2021 at 10:19 PM

SV

“ So sorry for the loss of your Mom.
When we moved to Alton, we lived across the street from your family on McKinley Blvd.
Your Mom and Dad were Awesome photographers, and they did my wedding pictures.
Deepest Condolences to all who knew and loved her.
Shelia (Brennan) Ventimiglia

Shelia M Ventimiglia - December 01, 2021 at 04:41 PM

LT

“ So sorry for your loss. Wenzel's did our wedding back in November 21, 1969. They were a Wonderful couple. Photos were lovely.
Thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Larry & Judy Thompson - November 30, 2021 at 04:33 PM