



## Anna Charlene "Char" Aery

April 27, 1940 - January 5, 2023

Charlene Aery, 82, passed away at 1:04 p.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2023, at San Gabriel Memory Care in Godfrey. She was born April 27, 1940, in Alton, IL the only daughter of Sarafino Gammaitoni and Alma "Wink" Forbes Auston. Charlene was a highly accomplished and retired cosmetologist who served her community for more than 60 years as well as sharing her knowledge and skill through teaching. She was a faithful member of Saint Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey and one of the first female members of the Godfrey Lions Club. Charlene was also the very first female president of the Lions Club in the entire state of Illinois. She also enjoyed serving as an election judge in the many elections held in the village of Godfrey. On December 28, 1972, Charlene married William J. "Bill" Aery in Alton, IL. Charlene enjoyed traveling with her husband of 44 years before his death in 2017. They roamed the continent in their RV spending winters in Fort Lauderdale, FL, with family and friends. Charlene is survived by her children, Gail Hill (Alan) of Sharpsburg, GA, Neil Aery (Pam) of Godfrey and step son, Mark Aery of Brooksville, FL. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Justin (Iva) Hill, Matthew Hill, Maggie (Trevor) Meeks, Cassidy Aery, Sophia Aery, and Justin Acker. Charlene had one great granddaughter, Callie Acker, and one on the way, due in March of this year. Also surviving is her sister, Jan (Doug) Welch of Norwich, CT, and her brother David (Mary) Gammaitoni of Godfrey. Besides her parents, Charlene was preceded in death by her eldest son, Michael J. Aery, who passed in 2007, and her brother Jeffrey Auston who

passed in 2022. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 14, 2023 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to Saint Ambrose School in Godfrey. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

## Memorial Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Anna Charlene "Char" Aery

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Anna Charlene "Char" Aery

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Anna Charlene "Char" Aery.



January 12, 2023 at 09:17 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Anna Charlene "Char" Aery.



January 12, 2023 at 05:26 PM

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“ Neil, Pam Aery & Family purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Anna Charlene "Char" Aery.



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**Neil, Pam Aery & Family** - January 11, 2023 at 09:37 AM

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“ I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of Charlene. I have very fond memories of her and remember her as Aunt Charlene. I send my heartfelt condolences to her family & friends. Denise Glassmeyer Huff (Leo's daughter)

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**Denise Glassmeyer** - January 10, 2023 at 12:59 PM