Audrey Nona Ridenhower

May 6, 1926 - May 30, 2018

Dateline: Alton

Audrey Nona Ridenhower, 92, died at 7:55 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at Robings Manor in Brighton. Born May 6, 1926 in Independence, Iowa, she was the daughter of Everett and Opal (Battershell) Kessinger. She married William J. Ridenhower Sr. on May 8, 1954 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Alton. He preceded her in death on July 28, 1991. Mrs. Ridenhower worked for Owens-Illinois Glass as a selector/packer and was also a private duty home health care giver. Audrey was a longtime director of the Altar Guild at Trinity Chapel on State Street and was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Alton and was a life member of the Alton VFW Post 1308. She volunteered at Beverly Farms, the Crisis Food Center, Caravan and for the St. Anthony's Hospital Auxiliary. In 2008 she was a Women of Distinction. Surviving is a daughter, Nona Lynn Burns (Jim) of Hot Springs, Arkansas, a son, William J. Ridenhower of Brighton, four grandchildren, Aaron Ridenhower (Lisa), Timothy Burns, Todd Burns (Nicole), and Kimberly Lynn Gross (Landon), and four great grandchildren, Degan, Christian, Preston, and Taylor. Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Eugene Kessinger and three sisters, Sevilla Markham, Bonna R. Smith, and Betty L. Perry. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until time of memorial service at 10:00 a.m. Friday, June 8, 2018 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Alton. Reverend Cynthia Sever will officiate. Memorials may be made to Trinity

Episcopal Chapel, The 5A’s Animal Shelter, or the Treehouse Wild Life Center. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Upper Alton Cemetery

Oakwood Avenue
Alton, IL 62002

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **8**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Alton, IL 62002

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

Audrey Nona Ridenhower

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM

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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM

KJ

I am so sorry I missed this Audrey was a sweet dear lady. I'm sure God welcomed her with open arms. I have know her for a long time and knew her sister Sally. She would come to Valhalla when I was there and then I would meet her at Gents or she would just give me a call. I am so sorry for your loss. Kathryn Jarman

Kathryn Jarman - June 11, 2018 at 12:33 PM

BG

Audrey is in heaven, she was a great neighbor as well as a great caregiver for our family. The hours she spent with the VFW are more than you can count. The wife and I loved her and will miss her visits.

Bill and Marge Groppel - June 07, 2018 at 11:15 PM

YL

Your Friends at Linde purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Audrey Nona Ridenhower.

Your Friends at Linde - June 06, 2018 at 01:27 PM

BH

My husband and I will always remember Audrey as the sweet, mild mannered woman that she was. We first met her when she was a polling judge many, many years ago. As the years went by, my boys ended up mowing her grass for quite some time. We all thought a lot of her. She was a joy to talk with.

I had tried twice to take her some sweets at Christmas, but never could get an answer. I'm so sorry I did not get to see her one more time.

Sincerely, Beth and Charles Heintz

Beth Heintz - June 06, 2018 at 09:51 AM

SE

Audrey was always smiling and what a smile it was. She is the most beautiful lady inside and out. Not a day went by I didn't think about her. Audrey would always make sure you had everything you needed even if it meant she went without. My prayers to her family. I will always love you Audrey and miss our talks

selena Eads - June 05, 2018 at 09:52 PM

BM

I have known Audrey all my life. She would spoil me when I was weeks old. Her and my mom were best friends. They worked at the Glassworks together. Audrey would always visit and my told me how her and my aunt would hold me and spoil me rotten. When my mom died Audrey was right there making sure I was ok. After the funeral, and over the years to come she would call to check on me. We always exchanged Christmas cards. Then it all stopped and I did not know what happened to her. The would has lost a terrific lady. I loved her for being around. My love and prayers go out to the family. I'm so sorry I can't be there to say my last good bye. Her, my aunt and mom are together once again. Just so you know my mom was Mary Buis Hodge and my aunt was Vera Buis Wiegand.

Brenda Hodge Mills - June 05, 2018 at 02:31 PM