



Clara E. Focht

May 18, 1926 - March 23, 2023

Clara E. Focht, 96, lifelong resident of Alton, Ill., passed away on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at Jerseyville Manor in Jerseyville, Illinois.

Clara, widow of former Alton Telegraph Managing Editor John D. Focht, was a well-known area seamstress.

She has made thousands of suits, gowns, dresses, and made alterations for customers throughout the area.

She followed fashion and throughout most of her life made all of her own clothes.

She was a devout Catholic and equally as devout St. Louis Cardinals fan, and a big fan of country music.

For at least 30 years, Clara had been a fixture on her daily mile walks through her neighborhood, She attributed the walks to her long life.

Husband John D. Focht died in 2002. They were married 50 years.

She was born to parents Louis Krepel, and Agnes (Freiman) Krepel, on May 18, 1926.

She is survived by a daughter; Becky Kehr of Alton, Ill., sons; John L. (Karen) Focht of Memphis, Tenn., and Daniel W. Focht of Alton, grandchildren; Angela Jennings, Alexandra Little, Louis Focht, Jessica Focht and Elli-Rose Focht and five great-grandchildren.

Clara was also preceded in death by her parents and a sister; Marcella Enrick-Canter.

Family will receive friends from 4-7 pm, Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at Gent Funeral Home.

A Funeral Mass will be held 10:00 am, Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at the SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 717 State St., Alton, Ill.

Ms. Focht will be laid to rest with her husband at the St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey, Ill.

The family is being served by Gent Funeral Home 2409 State St., Alton, IL 62002.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

2801 Greenwood Lane
Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

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

Funeral Mass

MAR 29. 10:00 AM (cst)

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church
717 State Street
Alton, IL 62002

Committal Service

MAR 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Godfrey, IL 62035

Tribute Wall

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“ Graduated from Sts. Peter & Paul grade school and Marquette High School with Clara. My sympathy to her family. Dolores Weaver

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“ At St.Peter & Paul grade school,when we were about in 6th grade or so, back in the vacant lot behind the Priest's House and near the Nun's House we would play ball! Clara would swing that bat and send a homer flying often! That is what I recall .Also a not too long ago i sat near them at George Wegener's get together of about 12 of us. Yes, I also saw her walk in the neighborhood and occasionally caught up with her to talk a bit.Of course we also were in the same classes at Marquette High and graduated from there.She will be missed. My sympathy to her family. Dolores Waters Weaver

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