



## Edith M. Kolkmeier

January 24, 1918 - January 29, 2017

Dateline: Godfrey

Edith M. Kolkmeier, 99, passed away on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Village. She was born January 24, 1918 in Alton, the youngest of six children of William and Clara (Meyer) Hack. On September 21, 1940, she married Otto J. Kolkmeier in Alton, and he preceded her in death on July 15, 1992. They had three children, a daughter, Jean M. Rathgeb of Godfrey, two sons, Robert O. (Willa) Kolkmeier of Carbondale, IL, and William E. (Maureen) Kolkmeier of Godfrey, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Along with her parents and husband she was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Richard M. Rathgeb, two brothers, John and Lester Hack, and three sisters, Eunice Hack, Clara Brown and Violet Schmidt. Edie was always active in her church which was 12th Street Presbyterian in Alton. At its closing she had been a member for 78 years always singing in the choir and taking on many other roles over that period. She then joined the Evangelical United Church of Christ in Godfrey, but when she moved to the Methodist Village she enjoyed worshipping there every Sunday morning. A stay-at-home mother, she decided at the age of 49 to go to work and became a Title 1 Secretary with the Alton School District where she remained for 17 years until her retirement. Her passion for reading meant checking out at least five books a week, and she was an avid bridge player with friends. Travel was also a pleasure and she took responsibility for

being the chief navigator. Occasionally there would be stories of growing up in Alton including attending school with Robert Wadlow, and taking the census by hand going house to house. Edie loved life. She always had a positive attitude and a winning smile. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Reverend Jerry McCaskey will officiate. A private burial will be held at Alton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Evangelical United Church of Christ or the Main Street Methodist Church. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Alton City Cemetery

Alton, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
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## Funeral

FEB 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Edith M. Kolkmeier*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Edith M. Kolkmeier*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *She was a joy! Always laughing. I really enjoyed her. I know you will miss her.*  
*Pat Jarrett Rust*

**Pat Rust** - February 04, 2017 at 04:44 PM



“ *Cora Miller lit a candle in memory of Edith M. Kolkmeier*



**Cora Miller** - February 04, 2017 at 09:46 AM



“ *Many good times, many great memories. Edie was a wonderful friend. My condolences to her family.*

*John McDaniels*



**John McDaniels** - February 04, 2017 at 07:00 AM

JK

“ Eddie was a great lady. My mother Sis Hack Korte was her cousin and they were very close. I have found memories of her. God bless the family.

Jeff Korte

Jeff Korte - February 03, 2017 at 07:26 PM



BA

“ What a beautiful soul she was, she will always be in our hearts! Love and prayers to the family. Barb Edler

barb - February 03, 2017 at 06:38 PM

JF

“ Bill and Rena,

Sorry for your loss. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Judy and Joel Frazer

Joel C. Frazer - February 03, 2017 at 03:42 PM

IM

“ In our Prayers, Cora & Dave Miller purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Edith M. Kolkmeier.



In our Prayers, Cora & Dave Miller - February 03, 2017 at 12:58 PM

MS

“ *Rena and Bill,  
Sorry for your loss. We love you.  
Love, Missy and Chyna*

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**Melissa Schaughnessy** - February 01, 2017 at 10:42 AM