



## Edna Marie Sommars

October 20, 1931 - March 17, 2016

Dateline: Godfrey, IL

Edna Marie Sommars, 84, of Godfrey, passed away on Thursday evening, March 17, 2016 at Alton Memorial Hospital in Alton, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Mounds, Illinois on October 20, 1931, she is the daughter of the late Lee and Betty Griffin. She married Louis Sommars on February 4, 1950. Edna received her Bachelor's degree in elementary education from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville while raising five children. She was a fourth grade teacher at St. Ambrose School in Godfrey for twenty one years and substituted for eight years. In 1992, she was selected for Who's Who among America's Teachers. She truly loved teaching and enjoyed seeing her many former students succeed in life. Edna started the first K.C. Ladies Auxiliary in Godfrey. Besides her husband she is survived by her children, Donna of Edwardsville, Wayne (Cathy) of Albuquerque, Patty Goeke (Tony) of Ballwin, Mike (Trena) of Foristell, and Teresa Kaczmarek (Gary) of Wentzville, and grandchildren; Nicholas, Lauren, Zachary, Alexander, and Hannah who were her pride and joy. Florence Griffin of Alton was her dearest friend and sister-in-law, she is also survived by a brother-in-law; Melvin Thornhill, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one infant daughter, Mary Ann. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Monday, March 21, 2016 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey with Father Steve Pohlman to officiate. Burial will be at St. Patrick's

Cemetery in Godfrey. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN. Additional information and online guestbook may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's Cemetery

2801 Greenwood Lane  
Godfrey, IL 62035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

MAR 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ambrose Catholic Church  
820 West Homer Adams Pkway  
Godfrey, IL 62035

# Tribute Wall



“ *Edna Marie Sommars*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Edna Marie Sommars*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Mrs. Sommars was by far one of the best elementary teachers I ever had in school at St.Ambrose. She will be dearly missed by all including her past fellow students. My deepest sympathies to the family. R.I. P.my favorite teacher.*

*Sincerely,*

*Andrea Blouin Carlson*

**Andrea Blouin Carlson** - March 21, 2016 at 09:38 PM



“ *Edna was a fine teacher and an even better person. Our sympathies to Lou and family.*

*Tom & Patricia Dehner*

**Tom Dehner** - March 21, 2016 at 07:52 PM

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“ Arsenal Credit Union Cindy, Christina, Kayla, Joe, and Linda purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Edna Marie Sommars.



Arsenal Credit Union Cindy, Christina, Kayla, Joe, and Linda  
- March 21, 2016 at 03:00 PM

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“ Your friends at Health Care Family Credit Union purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edna Marie Sommars.



Your friends at Health Care Family Credit Union - March 21,  
2016 at 12:30 PM

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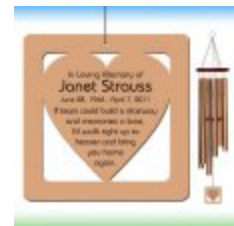
“ Deanna and Dan Gallagan (Panera) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edna Marie Sommars.



Deanna and Dan Gallagan (Panera) - March 21, 2016 at 09:20  
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“ Heart Wind Chime - Personalized was purchased for the family of Edna Marie Sommars.



March 19, 2016 at 12:13 PM

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“ *Twila Sommars purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Edna Marie Sommars.*



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**Twila Sommars** - March 19, 2016 at 12:01 PM