



## Ellen Louise "Tootsie" Godfrey

February 6, 1935 - July 31, 2022

Dateline: Godfrey

Ellen Louise "Tootsie" Godfrey, 87, died at 5:35 p.m. Sunday, July 31, 2022 at OSF St. Anthony's Healthcare Center. Born February 6, 1935 in Jersey County, she was the daughter of William M. and Garnet (Bushey) Callahan. Mrs. Godfrey was a homemaker and a member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey. On January 11, 1958 she married Charles Alexander Godfrey in Grafton. He preceded her in death on April 15, 2015. Ellen's love for children was shown as she baby sat for numerous neighborhood families. She was an avid crafter and loved toll painting and was also the "go to" person for her special skill of sewing anything that needed mending. Surviving is a daughter, Christina Wooff (Jeffrey) of Alton, five sons, Daniel Godfrey of Dow, Stephen Godfrey of Godfrey, Timothy Godfrey of Dow, Anthony "Tony" Godfrey (Julie) of Godfrey, and David Godfrey of Godfrey, and a daughter-in-law, Margaret Godfrey of Gulf Breeze, FL. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, Brianna, Ryan, Grace, Lauren, Justin, Brooke, and Corinne, a great grandchild, Kamdon. Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Michael Godfrey, a granddaughter, Brittany, and three brothers, Michael, Patrick and Jack Callahan. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Thursday, August 4, 2022 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 11:00 a.m. at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey. Father Steven Janoski will officiate. Burial will be at Scenic Hills Cemetery in Grafton. Memorials may be made to St. Ambrose Catholic

Church. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Scenic Hill Cemetery

Grafton, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 4. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

AUG 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ellen Louise "Tootsie" Godfrey*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Ellen Louise "Tootsie" Godfrey*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Please accept my sincere sympathy for the loss of Mrs. G. Although I am sure we met when I was a youngster in Sunday School with Mike at St Ambrose, I got to know her a little better when I was in high school and college and frequently giving Mike rides on our adventures. She was always kind and willing to chat and wanted to know how I was doing. My fondest memory was when she and Mike conspired to surprise me with a gift for college by stowing a red, white and blue travel trunk in the station wagon before she picked Mike and me up from work at Lockhaven, probably on our last day of work for the summer before we both went to college as freshmen. When I got in the car, I think I joked about it saying something like, "What's this--a present for me?" And I was just floored, shocked and very grateful when they said, "Yes." They both had a great laugh and enjoyed making my day, week and summer with that gift.--Jeff Jackson*

jeff jackson - August 03, 2022 at 06:15 PM

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“ *With love, The Pensacola Blue Wahoos purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ellen Louise "Tootsie" Godfrey.*



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**With love, The Pensacola Blue Wahoos** - August 03, 2022 at 11:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ellen Louise "Tootsie" Godfrey.*



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August 03, 2022 at 08:34 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellen Louise "Tootsie" Godfrey.*



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August 02, 2022 at 12:21 PM