



Ellen Mary Ridenhower

January 27, 1926 - March 14, 2013

Dateline: Godfrey

Ellen Mary Ridenhower, 87, passed away at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, March 14, 2013 at Jerseyville Manor in Jerseyville. She was born on January 27, 1926 at home in East Alton, the daughter of James Francis and Lulu (Barbeau) Simpson. Ellen graduated from Marquette High School class of 1944. She was a secretary and time keeper for Western Cartridge in East Alton and wrote columns for the Wood River Journal. Later as a homemaker, she was a volunteer typist for St. Matthew's grade school. She was a lifelong member of the Catholic Church including St. Matthews and St. Mary's of Alton. She enjoyed scrapbooking, writing poems and stories and playing the piano. Ellen married Wayne Eugene "Gene" Ridenhower on June 14, 1947 at St. Patrick's Rectory in Alton by Father Bretz. Their union was over 65 years. Surviving are her husband Gene, two children and their spouses, David and Debby Ridenhower of St. Peters, MO; Sue and Jerry Mueller of Godfrey; two granddaughters, Jennifer (Luke) Peterson of Carlinville and Zoe Ridenhower of St. Peters, MO; one brother and sister-in-law, Melvin and Louise Simpson of Edwardsville; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister and brother-in-law, Rita and Bob Morrison; her brother and sister-in-law, James and Allene "Pee Wee" Simpson; and an infant granddaughter, Ashleigh Sue Mueller. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Monday, March 18, 2013 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's

Catholic Church. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Capital Fund or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ellen Mary Ridenhower*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Ellen Mary Ridenhower*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about her passing - she is by far in a better place now - Dad went through this as did Rita - I send her on with prayers of joy and solace and much love.*

Cousin Sue Nolan - March 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sue, So sorry for the loss of your mom. I do remember her as such a sweet and warm person.*

Kim Frazier Kunz - March 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Sue, our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family at this difficult time. May God bless you and keep you strong.*
Fred & Mary Ann

Fred and Mary Ann Hentrich - March 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ellen Mary Ridenhower*

Christina Willeford - March 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sue,
I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. God will keep her safe.

Terry and Linda Wooten

Terry Wooten - March 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM