



## Genarose Mary Gearing

September 26, 1923 - February 5, 2022

Dateline: Alton

Genarose Hagen Gearing, 98, passed away at 12:48 p.m. Saturday, February 5, 2022 at her home. Genarose was born September 26, 1923 at home, on a farm, in Golden Eagle, IL. She was the oldest of six children. When she passed, she was the oldest living descendent of Felix and Lavena Hagen of Calhoun County. Her parents were William and Kathryn (Bimslager) Hagen. She married Robert R. Gearing on October 4, 1947 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Alton. He preceded her in death on April 12, 2006. She is survived by three daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara Gearing and Linda Haar of Alton, and Nancy Blair (Steve) of Godfrey, a sister, Kathleen (Donna) Weatherford (Robert) of Owensville, IL, six grandchildren, Keith Haar of Alton, Rachel Colant (Rich) of Channahon IL, Regan Schriver (Josh) of Manassas, VA, Kari Pinkard (Chris) of Jerseyville, Katie Lucas (Scott) of Alton, and Steven Blair Jr. (Gisele) of Rota Spain. Six great grandchildren, Richard Layne and Ryleigh Colant, Lorali, Ashton and Cullen Pinkard, Lucy Lucas, and many wonderful nieces and nephews and special friends, Francis and Denise Nosce. Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, William and Ellis Hagen, a sister, Charlotte Jacobs and an infant sister. Genarose attended Brussels Schools and St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Alton. While attending nursing school she served her country as a Navel Cadet during WWII in Oakland CA. It gave her great pride to participate in an Honor Flight sponsored by the Greater St. Louis Chapter in March 2019.

She enjoyed her family, playing cards and quilting. She was a longtime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton, and a member of the Exchangette Club and one of the first hospice volunteers with St. Anthony's Hospital in Alton. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 10, 2022 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 11, 2022 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. Mass will be live-streamed on the St. Mary's Catholic Church and School Facebook page. Burial will be at Upper Alton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church or St. Louis Honor Flight. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Upper Alton Cemetery

Oakwood Avenue  
Alton, IL 62002

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

FEB 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
4th and Henry Street  
Alton, IL 62002

# Tribute Wall



“ *Genarose Mary Gearing*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Genarose Mary Gearing*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Girls I am Marilyn Rundell. My dad was your mom's uncle. He was Paul Hagen. Sorry I couldn't make the visitation but I had cataract surgery yesterday. Sorry to hear about your mom. Linda you helped my daughter Debbie . You were working at St Anthony's and I brought her in for you to work on. Her name was Debbie lackorby. Thanks.*

**Marilyn Rundell** - February 11, 2022 at 10:01 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. The Gearings were such good neighbors to me when I lived in Alton.*

**Donna Odelehr Holmes** - February 10, 2022 at 02:46 PM



“ *I was always a bit envious that Linda's mom lived across the street from her. How special was that! What a kind, gentle and generous woman.... a life well lived. She was a blessing to all who knew her.*

**Judy Schwegel Buerkle** - February 09, 2022 at 09:41 PM

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“ It's hard to believe that your mom, Genarose, is gone from us. I always thought she would be a contender for the oldest living human. She was like the energizer bunny -- go,go,go! The grass never had the chance to grow under her feet. She was so full of life. She always had more energy than me despite our age difference. And her posture was so great. She was a person who could legitimately say to her descendants-- "Sit up straight". And don't get me started on beer consumption! And finally, I want to tell you all that I've known Genarose for 65yrs. And after that many years of exposure, I can assure you that your mom was a very good, very kind and a truly marvelous woman. So I'm pretty sure that she is in heaven right now with your father having a cold one.

*I apologize for not being able to be there for you but I will be thinking of you and praying. Love to you all -- Shelly Clark*

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**Shelly Clark** - February 08, 2022 at 08:08 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Genarose Mary Gearing.



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February 08, 2022 at 07:41 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about GiGi-Anyone who knew her loved her-She was an inspiration to all, and was so much fun. She lived life to the fullest. We are all very lucky to have had her in our lives at all, and especially all of you. Thoughts, Prayers, Hugs, and Love to all of you. Nancy Marlow

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**Nancy Marlow** - February 08, 2022 at 01:04 AM