



Grace Roglis

July 18, 1916 - December 14, 2020

Dateline: Godfrey

Grace Roglis of Godfrey, Illinois, died peacefully of natural causes in her home of nearly 80 years on December 14, 2020 with friends and family by her side. She was 104 years old.

Grace was born and raised on Chicago's North Side. The daughter of Welsh and German immigrants, Grace learned the value of hard work, sacrifice and education during her formative years in the midst of the Great Depression. In 1937, she graduated from the University of Illinois, where she met the late Bill Roglis. She and Bill married in 1939 and settled the Alton area where she began a career as a social worker with Madison County. She left the workforce to raise her children, Rick Roglis (deceased) and Lynn Stewart of Alton. She resumed working, becoming an educator with the Alton Community Unit School District and later with Lewis and Clark Community College.

Grace's passions in life were family, friends, traveling and learning.

Over her lifetime, Grace was able to travel the world. Starting with car trips across the United States, Canada and Mexico in the early years of her marriage, she ultimately visited every continent but Antarctica. She traveled across Europe, East Asia, the Middle East, India and Latin America. She traveled to Communist Eastern Europe and the USSR, only to return after communism fell. She went on Safari in Africa. She would travel with friends, with her daughter and grandson and on her own. In her late 90's she attended Oxford University in England, for a continuing education program. She

continued traveling well into her 100's, enjoying trips to Branson and other Midwest destinations. Her last trip was to Chicago in July 2020 to celebrate her 104th birthday with friends and family.

Born before women had the right to vote, Grace was a passionate feminist and never shy to discuss her politics. She proudly voted during the 2020 election – in person, of course, despite the second pandemic of her lifetime. She was pleased to witness the first female elected Vice President, although Grace would say it only happened 104 years too late.

Grace had a network of friends that spanned the globe, with pen pals in far away places such as her father's homeland of Wales, with whom she corresponded by email. She loved spending time with friends and always kept them well entertained with her tremendous sense of humor. She was also committed to various charitable organizations and volunteered at the Caravan in Alton, which benefits the Oasis Women's Center, well into her 90's.

She is survived by her beloved great-grandchildren Clara Stewart, Charlie Stewart and Georgina Stewart along with her grandson Bill Stewart and his wife Alison (nee Bohn) Stewart and daughter Lynn Stewart. A private memorial service will be held at Gent Funeral Home on Saturday, January 23, 2021. Donations in her memory can be made to the Oasis Women's Center and the Alton Area Animal Aid Association. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.
Godfrey, IL 62035

Tribute Wall



“ *Grace Roglis*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Grace Roglis*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Grace became my great friend after reconnecting after losing my own wife Kathy in 2009. I had grown up playing with her son Rick when Grace, husband Bill and daughter Lynn were our neighbors across the street on McPherson in Alton. Grace was always welcoming and kind. She was fun and lively until the very end. I was fearful this year would be it, and paid my last visit in September. I will always remember her and miss her. My sincere condolences to Lynn and her own son Bill and family. Bill Ash*

Bill Ash - January 27, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Susan Jones - January 23, 2021 at 11:27 AM



Grace at 100!

Susan Jones - January 23, 2021 at 11:27 AM

JK

*Lynn sorry for your loss.
Jeannine*

Jeannine Kasting - January 23, 2021 at 06:49 PM

BA

Grace was an avid longtime Cubs fan. She would tell me she wanted to live long enough to see the Cubs win the World Series, and to see the first woman elected President. She achieved the first (Cubs in 2016 over the Indians), and even threw out the first ball for a Cubs game to celebrate her 100th birthday. Sadly, Hillary didn't make it, nor did Grace. But what a life she lived. Ever cheerful and full of insight to the very end!

Bill Ash - January 27, 2021 at 07:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Grace Roglis.*



January 22, 2021 at 08:31 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Grace Roglis.*



January 22, 2021 at 02:33 PM

RS

“ Grace was always fun to be around. We are her neighbors. A memorial has been sent to the Oasis Center.

Richard and Wilma Stinnett

Richard and Wilma Stinnett - January 22, 2021 at 11:35 AM

ED

“ Grace was truly an amazing woman. Her vibrant spirit and love for learning , travel, and life were an inspiration to her neighbors. Rest in peace, Grace. A life well lived ! Your neighbors, Eileen and Tom Daly

Eileen Daly - January 21, 2021 at 04:10 PM

PK

“ I will never forget my friend Grace.

I'll miss our special times together.

Rest in peace dear friend.

Pat and Don Korte

Patricia Korte - January 21, 2021 at 03:00 PM

DH

“ We will all miss Grace. My name is David Harang and I worked for her. She was a wonderful person. I am disabled and she gave me work out of the kindness of her heart. I had many opportunities to talk with her and she was a friend. She was good to me.

David Harang - January 20, 2021 at 03:57 PM