



## Helen M. DeSpain

September 10, 1926 - July 17, 2023

Helen M. DeSpain, 96, was called to her heavenly home on Monday, July 17, 2023. Born September 10, 1926 in Alton, she was the daughter of Harold O. and Addie Mae (Gauf) Nation. She loved her family, enjoyed growing flowers, gardening, fishing, camping, quilting, antique cars and rides up the river road. She worked at the Glassworks for a short time and was a Girl Scout co-leader and babysitter for the YMCA. Surviving are two daughters, Helen Stauffer (Dennis) of Salem, IL, and Martha Reeves (James) of Alton, one son, Robert Coleman of LaGrange, MO, 20 grandchildren, Roy Scott Coleman (April), Theresa Hammons (Mike), Penny Morris (David), Harold Coleman (Mebjha), Billy Coleman (Sue), Scott Bricking, Melissa Coleman, LeRoy Coleman (Becky), William Coleman Jr., Michael Stauffer (Christine), David Stauffer (Lorry), Barbara Jo McCormick (Derrick), Joey Ford (Rick), Roberta Sissom (John), Courtney Coleman, Travis Coleman, Jennifer Tatman (Steve), Delilah Colley (Wesley), Robert Young, and Heather Pena (Nelson), 24 great grandchildren, and 18 great-great grandchildren. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husbands, LeRoy H. Coleman Sr., Earl Forquer, and Clarence O. DeSpain, two sons, LeRoy Coleman Jr., and William Coleman, a grandson, Terry Bricking, two great grandchildren, Brian Lane and Brittany Coleman, three brothers, Harold Nation, Josphe Nation, and John David Nation in infancy, and a sister, Irene Alice Nation in infancy. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 22, 2023 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Pastor Danny Smith will

officiate. Burial will be at Upper Alton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family. 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

JUL 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
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## Funeral

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Rest in peace Aunt Helen. I have many wonderful memories of you when I was little. I'm so sorry we lost touch. Barbara Jane (Nation) Sirkeci*



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**Barbara Sirkeci** - July 19, 2023 at 01:37 PM

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“ *She was a good lady, and joy to be with. Praying for the family, and friends.*

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**Charles Woodard** - July 18, 2023 at 05:48 PM