



## Irene Ella Heffner

April 19, 1939 - May 31, 2022

Irene Ella Heffner (Pruitt/Gesell), 83, passed peacefully at home in Godfrey on May 31, 2022. Irene was born in St. Peter, IL on April 19, 1939, but spent all of her adult years in Alton. She was preceded in death by her husband, Monty, and sister, Betty Garrett. She will be desperately missed by her two sons and their wives, Mark and Melissa Pruitt of Godfrey, and David and Kristy Pruitt of Decatur, as well as six granddaughters: Katlyn, Emmylou, Ella, Ruby, Willa, and Olivia. She will also be missed by her stepdaughter and husband, Penny and Lee Stewart. She leaves behind two step grandchildren, Jennifer and Brett, as well as three step great grandchildren. Irene was an avid gardener and homemaker, and loved spending time with her grandchildren. She retired from Home Federal Savings and Loan, and was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Bethalto. She devoted many years as a volunteer at Alton Memorial Hospital's White Cross Auxiliary. Irene never knew a stranger and was a friend to all. She was a helper and always looked to see what she could do for other people. She made an impact on all she encountered and had a life that was very well lived. A Celebration of Life open house will be held at The Lovejoy, 401 Piasa St. in Alton on July 9th, from 1-5. Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Additional information and online guest book may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 9. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

The Lovejoy  
401 Piasa Street  
Alton, IL 62002

# Tribute Wall



“ *Irene Ella Heffner*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM