



Josephine Coleman

March 4, 1926 - April 7, 2023

Josephine (Mickoff) Coleman, 97 died Friday April 7, 2023, at Christian Hospital Northeast surrounded by family. She was born March 4, 1926, in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and moved to Alton, Illinois with her family when she was a child. On April 12th, 1947 she married the love of her life, John Coleman and they lived in Godfrey Illinois where they raised their family of four children. Jo's commitment to taking care of others was evidenced by her decision to become a nurse. Her training was facilitated by the United States Cadet Nurse program during WWII when there was a need for medical personnel to support our troops. Because the war ended before her graduation from the Alton Memorial Hospital Nursing Program in 1947 she never had to serve. However, that did not diminish her commitment to serve others. She maintained her nursing license and worked actively until age 95. She spent her primary career at Alton State Hospital (Alton Mental Health Center). After retiring from full time work, she continued part-time nursing with organizations that included The Illinois Department of Human Services, and William M. BeDell ARC. The only thing she loved more than nursing, was the time spent with family and friends. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, John Coleman, her daughter Su Batson, her sisters Lillian (Tom) Bennett, Lucille (Clarence) Smith, and her parents, Tony and Anna (Jelinek) Mickoff. She is survived by sons, John D. Coleman, Tony (Heather) Coleman, Bill (Shirley) Coleman and her son-in-law, Steve Batson. She also leaves behind six grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren. The number of

her extended family (otherwise known as friends who loved her) cannot be counted. Please join us for a celebration of a life well lived. Visitation will be from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Sunday, April 16, 2023 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Monday, April 17, 2023. Pastor Chris Bean will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to William M. BeDell ARC. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.
Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

APR 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jo was a great lady and great nurse. I worked with her for years at Alton Mental Health Center. She had such respect for patients and was so supportive to staff in hard times!*

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“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Josephine Coleman.*



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“ *Dear Jo,
You will be missed so much, by so many.
You were a great mom to all of the neighborhood kids, but I felt like I was the luckiest. So many memories: you giving me my allergy shots, swimming in the pool (you laying down the law), sitting at your kitchen table and talking, watching wrestling on Saturdays with the guys, you watching me when I had the flu, and eating ice cream while lying on your warm living room floors. Thank you for all you did! I love you and will miss you so much. Say hi to Mom and Dad for me.
Love,
Carol Vollmer Parsh Cira*

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