



Nadine Elizabeth Rain

October 10, 1924 - May 25, 2022

Nadine Elizabeth Rain, 97, died at 5:06 a.m. Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at Alton Memorial Rehab. Born October 10, 1924 in East St. Louis, IL, she was the daughter of Edgar A. and Amy (Schumert) Hissrich. She graduated from East St. Louis High School and entered Stephens College in Columbia, MO as a theatre major, studying under Maude Adams (Peter Pan) and playwright, William Inge. She became interested in the Stephens College Aviation Program and acquired her parents' permission to take the flight course. She graduated with an Associate in Arts degree and a Private Pilot's license in 1944. She did post-graduate work on a commercial aviation license at Stephens and returned to St. Louis, where she was employed by Trans World Airlines. On February 9, 1946 she married William A. Rain of Alton. They were married 59 wonderful years before his death in 2005. He was the owner of Rain and Rain Grocery Store in North Alton. They had three children, William A. Rain Jr. "Bud" (Cheryl Gill Rain), Amy R. Monahan (Michael F. Monahan), and Charles A. Rain "Tony" (Wanda Hendrix Rain). Joys of her life included four grandsons, Nathan Rain (Jennifer), Jeremy Rain, Scott Monahan (Maggie) and Patrick Monahan (Krista) and her eight great grandchildren, Emma, Andrew, Miles and Lily Rain, and William, Jack, Charlotte and Connor Monahan. Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Wimmer. Nadine was a member of Elm Street Presbyterian Church for over 50 years, serving as a den mother and member of the choir. She later joined Emmanuel Free Methodist Church in Alton and dearly loved

Pastor Mark, his family and wonderful church members. She was a member of the Junior Service League of Alton and served as co-chairman of several fund-raising stage shows, always as an active participant as a singer, with her sister-in-law, Betty Rain playing the piano for her. She was employed at Blu-Fountain Nursing Home in Godfrey for 16 years as the Activity Director. After being diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis in 1974 she became a volunteer for the Central Illinois Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation in Peoria. She was hired by that organization in 1980 to open a branch office, serving down-state Illinois. Years later, Alton Memorial Hospital provided space for an office, and she worked tirelessly providing information to so many. She started the Arthritis Foundation Water Exercise programs in Alton, Bethalto, Edwardsville, Godfrey and Granite City. She attended every workshop to educate herself about RA and shared her knowledge at hundreds of health fair seminars across the state. Retiring in 1997, she continued to serve as a volunteer and board member until 2000. Her severe form of RA never kept her from trying to assist others and doing all the things she loved. Family was everything to her, thus making it so difficult to say goodbye. We will love and cherish her memory and are faithful that mom and dad are rejoicing being together again. We thank so many family and dear friend for their prayers, comfort and kindness. We are also so grateful to Alton Memorial Rehab (Eunice Smith). They showered her with kind hearts and hands the short time she was there. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Reverend Mark Scandrett will officiate. Burial will be private at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to the Emmanuel Free Methodist Church in Alton, the Arthritis Foundation or a charity that you love in her honor. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services
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Tribute Wall



“ *Nadine Elizabeth Rain*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Nadine Elizabeth Rain*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Buddy, Emy and Tony. I just got the news from my mom. Soo sorry your mom has passed. She was a very special lady. I will always remember when she would come to drink coffee in the morning with my mom and tell funny stories. Both your parents where cool people. I miss them. I'm know you do too. This getting old stuff is not for wusses.*

*Best wishes to all.
From a childhood neighbor.
Dave Pfeifer*

*Don't no how to contact any of you. Would love to hear from you.
Text to 864 901 0402 ,I live in Greenville SC.*

Dave Pfeifer - June 06, 2022 at 11:17 PM



“ *Nadine was a great example for her family & community. She certainly will be missed. I am sorry but I missed her funeral due to not knowing she had passed. The Rains & the Darrs go a ways back in the family line.*

Brenda Darr - June 01, 2022 at 04:02 PM

LK

“ *Nadine and my Mom Nancy Paul with John Paul in back ground! Nadine was so loved by all of us. She mothered me like I was her own. She helped me stay strong in the end when her best friend my mom was leaving us with dementia, her words of encouragement kept me going... We loved camping with them and going on outings with all the kids from our families. Uncle Bill always made it fun and he and John and their WW2 stories never got old. We love and miss you Nadine it's hard to believe you are all together in heaven now. I'm sure you got the fishing poles out or a good game of cards going! I love you and miss you so much. On the wings of Angels I'm sure you were delivered to beautiful heaven. What a beautiful Lady, Mom, Grandmother and so much more! I'm so glad I had the privilege of knowing you. Rest easy beautiful grace!* ❤️🎉🎉



Laura Hazelwonder Krawczak - May 30, 2022 at 05:48 PM

DB

“ *Writing for my mother, Diane Brenegan: I worked under Nadine at Blu Fountain. She was kind, caring, and an inspiration to all that knew her. I also knew her husband and visited Rain & Rain many times. Heaven has certainly gained another angel. My deepest sympathies, Diane*

Diane Brenegan - May 26, 2022 at 02:12 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nadine Elizabeth Rain.*



May 26, 2022 at 02:09 PM



“ *We read Mrs. Rain obituary and what a woman. Mrs. Rain did a lot in her life. She will be sadly missed but she will be happy to see and be with her husband. Prayers and thoughts for the family.*

Larry and Judy Thompson

Larry and Judy Thompson - May 26, 2022 at 09:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nadine Elizabeth Rain.*



May 26, 2022 at 07:14 AM



“ *Rain and Monahan families, nothing but the deepest respect for your dear Mom. She was an exceptional lady, so diverse and loved by so many. Our sincere sympathy.*

Susie and Rohland Pruetzel

rohland and susie pruetzel - May 25, 2022 at 11:03 PM

CG

“ *I Loved Nadine she was such a great Lady. She will definitely be missed.*

With fond memories

Christine Greer

Christine Greer - May 25, 2022 at 10:52 PM