



Nellie "Nell" Austin

December 25, 1939 - November 6, 2023

Dateline: Festus, MO

On Monday, November 6, 2023 Nellie (Nell) Austin, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away at the age of 83 at Alton Memorial Rehab and Therapy. She was born on December 25, 1939 in Dow, Illinois the daughter of the late Clifford J. and A. Fontaine (Stotler) Clowers. On September 17, 1960, she married Robert (Bob) Austin at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Alton and together they shared 56 years of marriage. Throughout the years much time was spent in their restored 1930 Ford Model A, attending numerous car shows and antique car club trips with their fellow car club friends. He preceded her in death on September 30, 2016. Nell was an active member of the Twin City Area Optimist Club and even after Bob was gone, she maintained her memberships and continued to be active in the St. Louis Model A Restorers Club and the Show Me Antique Car Club. Nell prided herself in her work as a nurse for over 30 years, retiring from Mercy Jefferson Hospital in Festus, MO. She also had an affinity for all things Christmas, being a Christmas baby herself, and was overjoyed to share the Christmas spirit with others. But what gave her the most joy in life was being a grandmother and great-grandmother.

Nell is survived by her daughter Julie (Dereck) Cook of Godfrey, two grandsons, Andrew (Holly) Cook of Oceanside, CA, and Alex Cook of Chesapeake, VA, three great-grandsons, Colton, Archer and Weston Cook who lovingly referred to her as "Grandma Awesome", one sister, Shirley

Noble, and many brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will be from 1:00pm until the time of the funeral service at 3:00pm on Sunday, November 19, 2023 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A funeral procession will leave Gent Funeral Home at 10:45 a.m. Monday, November 20, 2023 for graveside services at 11:00 a.m. at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.
Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 19. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral

NOV 19. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

NOV **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Nellie "Nell" Austin.*



November 16, 2023 at 07:37 PM



“ *Shawn & Patty Smallegan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nellie "Nell" Austin.*

Shawn & Patty Smallegan - November 16, 2023 at 07:37 PM



“ *Nell and Bob went together with us to the 2015 National in Niagara Falls. Took their truck and trailer as Bob had planned and our Town sedan. It was our honeymoon trip as we were married 2 days prior. We enjoyed their company with us on tours and events there. What a wonderful splendid trip we had with them. It was absolutely the best! A memory forever.*

Many memories with them but that one was special!

Thank you Nell and Bob for such a great Model A Friendship.

*Larry & Gina Shepard
Missouri Valley Region Model A Club*

Larry Shepard - November 16, 2023 at 10:55 AM

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Julie, your mom was one of my favorite adopted moms way back in our high school days. She was always very proud of you with all that you accomplished. She so loved being grandma to your boys & I'm sure even more to her great - grands. I loved all of our time together. Your mom was one in a million. She had a wonderful life here on Earth & now she's reunited with your dad. As much as she will be missed, you will see her again one day. Until then, her memories will always be close in all of our hearts.

You have my most sincere condolences.

Megan G - November 18, 2023 at 10:10 PM