



Rosemary Matifes

October 31, 1932 - August 10, 2018

Dateline: Alton

Rosemary A. (Taul) Matifes, 85, of Godfrey, Illinois, returned to her heavenly home peacefully surrounded by family, on Friday, August 10, 2018, after a battle with aortic aneurysms. Her firm belief in God and devotion to her family and friends supported her in her struggle and ultimately gave her peace.

Rosemary was born on October 31, 1932 to the late Theodore Francis and Gertrude (Baker) Taul. She attended Sts. Peter and Paul grade school and graduated from Alton High in 1950.

She married Gilbert Matifes on August 8, 1953. He preceded her in death in 1996. She also married William Robert Arterberry in November 2001 and he preceded her in death in October 2002.

Rosemary is survived by three children: Connie (Ron) Abraham, Tim (Annette Hatten) Matifes and Kenny Matifes all of Alton; six grandchildren: Theresa (Darrell) Forsythe, Lisa Morgan, Trevor Matifes, Abigail (Ian) Stephenson, Mikaela Matifes, Katie Abraham; seven great-grandchildren: Dade, Jarret and Chase Morgan, Taylor Forsythe and Dylan Forsythe, Autumn Hinthorne and Owen Stephenson; her siblings: Harold (Shirley) Taul and Terry (Cathy) Taul; dear friends June Keasler, Jodi Stillwell; as well as numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and other extended family and many friends.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by sons, Stephen and Keith (infant) and siblings: Francis Taul, Donald Taul, Martha Davey, Bill Taul and Marlene Mattingly.

Visitation will be from 9-11 am, Memorial Mass 11 a.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton on Saturday, September 15, 2018 immediately followed by a reception lunch and celebration of her life to share stories and laughs at St. Mary's Middle School (the former St. Matthews Catholic Church), 1015 Milton Road, Alton.

In leu of flowers memorials can be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church or The John Ritter Foundation for Aortic Health.

A private burial of ashes will be held with immediate family at a future date. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
4th and Henry Street
Alton, IL 62002

Memorial Service

SEP **15.** 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
4th and Henry Street
Alton, IL 62002

Tribute Wall



“ Rosemary Matifes

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Rosemary Matifes

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I miss you more and more each day
Grandma, I can't wait to see you again in
Heaven soon!*



Nicole - January 20, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ *Audrey Florea lit a candle in memory of
Rosemary Matifes*



Audrey Florea - September 10, 2018 at 04:36 PM



*I did not know this special lady but I knew Theresa her granddaughter.
I see from the sentiments that she was well loved and knew our Lord.
Keep the wonderful memories you have of her until the great reunion
you will have with her later. My prayers are with the family for peace
and comfort through this time of grief.*

Audrey Florea - September 10, 2018 at 04:42 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Rosemary Matifes.*



September 08, 2018 at 12:16 PM



“ *I love you mom and will miss you terribly until we meet again.*

Connie Matifes Abraham - September 07, 2018 at 11:12 AM



Connie, I know you are comforted by the fact that she is no longer suffering. All the beautiful memories you share will also sustain you. You have my deepest sympathy and much love. Terry

Theresa O'Connor - September 07, 2018 at 11:13 PM