



## Ruth Marie McNelly

January 19, 1930 - October 3, 2020

Dateline: Jerseyville, IL

Ruth Marie McNelly, 90, died at 4:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 3, 2020 at Jerseyville Nursing and Rehab. She was born January 19, 1930 in Alton the daughter of Charles and Mildred (Massears) Blair. She was a member of Grafton United Methodist Church. On August 25, 1950 in Moro, IL she married Guy Claude McNelly and he preceded her in death on February 18, 2001. Surviving are one daughter, Linda Champlin (Jack) of Godfrey, IL one son, Glen McNelly (Paula) of Rosedale, IL, seven grandchildren, Jack, Marcie, Matthew, Alanna, Brittney, Ryan and Jared, ten great grandchildren, Owen, Arlynn, Autumn, Landon, Ira, Ryleigh, Willow, Magnolia, Artis and Kaidyn. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Nancy Okada, three sisters, Helen Lewis, Rose Dodd and Louise Street and three brothers, Edwin, Henry, Charlie Blair. Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. until time of funeral service at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Burial will be at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2020 at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Reverend Andre' Dobson will officiate. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army. Additional information and online guest book may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.  
Godfrey, IL 62035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral

OCT 7. 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Marie McNelly*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Ruth Marie McNelly*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Linda, Jack, Jack and the McNelly family,  
Our sincere sympathy on the passing of your Mom. The times we  
meant her she always was so kind to us. Sending prayers of peace  
and love.*

*Rohland and Susie Pruetzel*

**Susie Pruetzel** - October 07, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Ruth Marie McNelly.*



October 05, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ruth Marie McNelly.*



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October 05, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ *The Butlers, Mike, Patty, Libby, Don and Elaine purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Ruth Marie McNelly.*



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**The Butlers, Mike, Patty, Libby, Don and Elaine** - October 05, 2020 at 09:47 AM



“ *Linda and Jack,  
Our sincere sympathy on your Moms passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Your Mom was so sweet and kind. Remember her warm smile.  
Sincerely,  
Susie and Rohland*

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**Susie and Rohland Pruetzel** - October 04, 2020 at 11:27 PM



*Staying at the house with all of you still has loving fun memories for me that's the Aunt Ruth I will always remember ❤️ and miss you. Tamara Cochran*

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**Tamara Cochran** - October 06, 2020 at 09:32 AM

CB

“ Aunt Ruth was a good hearted, kind and generous lady. She always had kind words for all. I have many happy memories of the times spent with her. She was a very special person who meant so much to so many people especially her family. It saddens me to know she’s left us but I know she’s in a better place and mom was there waiting for her.

*My sincere condolences goes out to all of the family. She will be greatly missed and forever remembered in our many beautiful memories.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Aunt Ruth was an awesome one of a kind lady.*

*With Love,*

*Cathy and Tom Bensman*

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**Cathy Bensman** - October 04, 2020 at 09:38 PM

CS

*I also have great memories of my Aunt Ruth. She was one special lady and all loved to be with her. She will be missed terribly and I'm sending prayers for the family for healing, God bless all of you! Love, Charlotte (Shorty)*

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**Charlotte Smith** - October 04, 2020 at 11:03 PM

FK

*when I hear someone Hum,I will always think of my shopping buddy Aunt Ruth. love Francie*

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**Frances Knight** - October 05, 2020 at 12:30 AM

FD

*Aunt Ruth was always my favorite aunt. I enjoyed babysitting all 3 of her children in my teenage years. Both she and Uncle Guy were always so good to me and I enjoyed time spent with them. Aunt Ruth was a very fun lady to be around, always laughing and having a good time. She called me "Flossie" since I was very young, and she always remembered who I was even though she would only see me every couple years after she was in nursing home, until 2 years ago when she didn't remember me. I wish I could have seen her one more time, but Covid-19 happened. She will certainly be missed by many of us, and I am praying for all of the family. We know she is in a better place and is at peace being with Uncle Guy and all other family members that have passed before her. May God bless all of the family during this difficult time!!! Love, Florence*

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**Florence Delvo** - October 07, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ruth Marie McNelly.*



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October 04, 2020 at 01:40 PM