



## Shirley J. Spain

September 27, 1934 - October 10, 2019

Dateline: Godfrey

Shirley J. Spain, 85, died at 1:03 p.m. Thursday, October 10, 2019 at OSF St. Anthony's Health Center. Born September 27, 1934 in Parkersburg, Iowa, she was the daughter of Joseph and Bertha (Akkerman) Janssen. On June 9, 1956 she married Larry Spain in Iowa City, Iowa. He survives. Mrs. Spain was a member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey where she sang in the choir for many years. She loved her grandchildren and traveling and enjoyed playing bridge. Along with her husband, she is survived by two sons, Jim Spain (Nancy Simpson) of Alton, and Tom Spain (Erin) of Godfrey, five grandchildren, Sarah Spain (Fiancé' Jarrett Hansen), Liz Morelli (Dan), Patrick Spain, Claire Spain, and Jack Spain. Also surviving is a step-brother, Lowell Andreessen of Wisconsin. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Michael J. Spain, a brother, Joe Janssen, and a step-brother, Laverne Andreessen. A Prayer Service will be at 3:30 p.m. followed by visitation until 8:00 p.m. Thursday, October 17, 2019 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 18, 2019 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey. Father Steven Janoski will officiate. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to St. Ambrose Catholic Church or Marquette Catholic High School. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)



# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's Cemetery

Godfrey, IL 62035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

OCT 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Ambrose Catholic Church  
820 West Homer Adams Pkway  
Godfrey, IL 62035

# Tribute Wall



“ Shirley J. Spain

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Shirley J. Spain

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley J. Spain.*



October 17, 2019 at 10:16 AM



“ *I just learned this evening from Karen Hasara of Shirley's unexpected death. I have the fondest of memories of the Spains when they resided here in Springfield. Solid salt of the earth people. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of deep sadness. Please know we will say a special prayer for you all.*

**Janice & Jack Butler** - October 16, 2019 at 10:00 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Shirley J. Spain.*



---

October 15, 2019 at 08:34 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Shirley J. Spain.*



---

October 15, 2019 at 02:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley J. Spain.*



---

October 15, 2019 at 12:55 PM



“ *So many wonderful memories of Shirley-all the neighborhood parties and picnics from their days in Springfield. When my husband died six years ago, I received notes of encouragement from Shirley often.*

---

**Karen Hasara** - October 15, 2019 at 08:28 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley J. Spain.*



---

October 14, 2019 at 08:30 PM



“ *Shirley was such a good person. I have played bridge with her and sat in front of her in the choir at St. Ambrose for many years.. She always had a smile no matter how bad she felt. I will miss her terribly. Only time will heal the pain you are feeling now. God bless Larry and family.*  
*Marce Corbett*

---

**Marce Corbett** - October 12, 2019 at 08:56 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. We had a lot of fun when we were neighbors. So happy we stayed in touch. Jane Dixon Whobrey*

---

**Jane Dixon Whobrey** - October 12, 2019 at 08:55 PM



“ *My prayers to the Spain family. What a wonderful person Shirley was. Loved by so many.*

---

**John Waters** - October 12, 2019 at 12:25 PM