



## Verna E. Ruedin

September 15, 1916 - January 29, 2017

Dateline: Godfrey

Verna E. Ruedin, 100, died at 7:22 a.m. Sunday, January 29, 2017 at OSF St. Anthony's Health Center. Born September 15, 1916 in a log cabin in Highgate, MO, she was the daughter of Eldo J. and Ina (Pruitt) Spurgeon. Verna moved from Missouri to Alton when she was 18. She worked for Block's Ice Cream Parlor where she often served one of Alton's most famous residents, Robert Wadlow. On April 22, 1938 she married Charles L. Ruedin and they celebrated 58 years of marriage prior to his passing in 1997. The couple had three children, Gary Ruedin of Eaton, CO, Homer (Isabel) Ruedin of Alton, and Janet Owczarzak of Godfrey, eight grandchildren, Mike Ruedin, Pat Ruedin, Amy Webb, Ike Ruedin, Josh Ruedin, Amelia Dixon, Carrie McAfoos, and Corey Ozark, 18 great grandchildren, Frannie, Hope, Walker, Mattson, J.D., Jori, Dillon, Henry, Charlie R., Rudy, Lydia, Mia, Graham, Charlie M., Morgan, Jane, Eliza and Lincoln. Also surviving is a sister, Erline Johnson of Bethalto and her best friend, Vivian Himmel. While raising her three children, Verna taught Sunday School at the First Methodist church in Alton and often served as a room mother to her children's school classes. She worked for Snyder's Department Store in downtown Alton for 26 years. Many may remember her helping them pick out their Red Goose shoes and receiving a golden egg. She also volunteered at the Caravan retail shop. Along with her parents and husband she was preceded in death by three brothers, Harold

(Dorothy) Spurgeon, Donald Spurgeon, and Burrell (Doris) Spurgeon and a brother-in-law, Ralph Johnson. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 2, 2017 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Reverend Charlie Schwaab will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to Main Street United Methodist Church. Online guestbook and information 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

FEB 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
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## Funeral

FEB 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Verna E. Ruedin*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Verna E. Ruedin*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Verna E. Ruedin.*



January 31, 2017 at 02:20 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Verna's passing. She was full of life until the very end. I am proud to call her family, and am so grateful we got to help her celebrate her 100th birthday. Gary, Homer and Janet, you and your families are in our prayers.*

*Rick & Lynn Furgerson (Your Aunt Rachel's oldest granddaughter, Anna's daughter.)*

**Lynn W . Furgerson** - January 31, 2017 at 02:10 PM

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“ Janet,  
So very sorry for your loss. Never easy but I send my deepest sympathy. Your Mother was a very successful woman, she raised a wonderful daughter.  
My best Gabe Bourlad Taul

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