



Virginia Ralls Ryrie

October 5, 1926 - November 17, 2020

Dateline: Alton

Virginia Ralls Ryrie (Crivello) age 94 passed away on November 17, 2020 in Godfrey, IL. She was born on October 5, 1926 in Livingston County, Missouri the daughter of Walter C. Ralls and Pearl Collins Ralls. She graduated from Chillicothe, Mo. High School and the Chillicothe Business College. Following her graduation, she joined her sister, Helen, in Alton working at the Shell Oil Refinery.

While attending church, she met George M. Ryrie and they were married at the home of his parents, John A. and Elizabeth Ryrie on September 13, 1947. After being stationed in Lake Charles, Louisiana during the Korean War, they returned to Alton.

She and George were married for 52 years until his death in 1999. She later married Eugene Crivello in November 2001 until his death in May 2013.

She was an active member of the Alton community. She served on the board of the White Cross Auxiliary, the Junior League of Greater Alton, the Alton Community Service League and was very active in her church.

She loved playing bridge and pinochle with her friends but her true passion was traveling. She was fortunate to have travelled all over the world including Kathmandu, Nepal, staying in a yurt in Mongolia and riding the trans-Siberian railway. But mostly she loved being a mother and a grandmother.

She is survived by her sister Joanne Anderson; children Sarah (James) Davis, Janet (Stephen) Biermann, Edward (Nancy) Ryrie; grandchildren Elizabeth

(Greg) Goldman, Virginia (Richard Schmechel) Davis, Catherine (Kristen Smith) Davis, Stephanie (Chris Vogl) Biermann, Sarah Jane Biermann, Rachel (Ben Abel) Biermann, Kristen (Matt Turkovic) Ryrie, Jennifer (Kevin) Stillman, John (Jenna Yungck Ryrie) Ryrie; great grandchildren Connor Jones, Aiden Bonds, Susannah and Warren Davis, Edward and Samuel Goldman, Max Vogl, Anneliese Biermann, Hailey Ryrie, Hannah Turkovic and Everly and Gracen Ryrie.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions there will be no service.

Her family wishes to extend its gratitude for the kindness of the staff at San Gabriel Memory Care of Godfrey who enriched the last days of her life.

Donations may be made to the White Cross Auxiliary, the Alton Memorial Health Services Foundation or to a charity of one's choice.

Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia Ralls Ryrie*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Virginia Ralls Ryrie*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Virginia was a sweet lady and a loyal customer for many years. You are in our thoughts. Treasure the memories and may God comfort and bless your family during this time.*

Mike & Karen Edwards

King Air Conditioning & Heating, Inc.

Mike & Karen Edwards - December 02, 2020 at 03:44 PM



“ *Janet, I remember the warmth of your mother's smile and that she was always glad to see us young people. She was a gracious hostess and your home was always open to us. Now she is free to be the fullness of the woman God created her to be. I pray your entire family rests in the victory of the Cross and that your eyes remain on the ultimate end.*

Moreland Gaddis - November 27, 2020 at 10:27 AM

AM

“ My mother, Elizabeth Martin & I delivered the mail in Fairmount for many years. Your parents were the nicest people. They were always very kind to us. I know what a difficult time this is for all of you. My thoughts & prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Ann Martin-Luecht

Ann Martin-Luecht - November 25, 2020 at 05:52 PM

VM

“ Virginia was one of the most gracious ladies that we had the pleasure to know. Our deepest sympathy to her family and friends.
Verla and Bill Moyer

Verla & Bill Moyer - November 25, 2020 at 04:13 PM

SG

“ To the whole Ryrie family and extended Ryrie family. You guys (through Janet) have been my second family since kindergarten. I admired your mom so much and looked up to her. She gave me the love of travel that has been a theme running through my life. If it wasn't for Janet, I would've never met this wonderful woman or any of the rest of the family. To Janet and Steve-my heart felt condolences or with you. And also with the rest of your family. I mourn the fact that her death took place during and because of, the terrible year of Covid -19. I am sure she is dancing with your dad in heaven, and watching over the rest of you.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Sandy and Jack Gottlob

Sandy Gottlob - November 25, 2020 at 04:12 PM

TS

“ I am so sorry for your loss, you are in my prayers during this difficult time.

Tammy Schaaf - November 24, 2020 at 03:12 PM

JL

“ Thoughts and prayers to all of you. Sincerely, Janie Lynn

Jane Lynn - November 23, 2020 at 12:16 PM

NI

“ Sara to hear about your mom

Nicole - November 23, 2020 at 07:47 AM

MS

“ Janet & Steve, Tom & I send our deepest sympathy to you and your family.
Love,
Tom & Marilyn Stewart

Marilyn Stewart - November 22, 2020 at 12:11 PM