



## Zada I. Shewmake

May 1, 1936 - November 25, 2024

Zada I. Shewmake, 88, passed away peacefully at 7:20 a.m. Monday, November 25, 2024 at OSF St. Anthony's Healthcare Center in Alton. Zada was born on May 1, 1936 in Alton, the daughter of Clifford and Helen Laverna (Rain) Hand. She married Oscar "Chancey" Shewmake on October 7, 1955 and they were married for 69 years. He survives. Zada's greatest joy was God and her family. She enjoyed doing daily devotions with her husband. She was a lifelong member of Elm Street Presbyterian Church until it closed. She was attending Bethalto Presbyterian Church until her health would no longer allow her to. Zada enjoyed getting together with her family for meals (she was a great cook). Together they enjoyed countless times playing games. Zada was always up for playing any board game, but playing Elmer's Rummy was her favorite card game. She was a loving wife and mother, mother-in-law, grandma, great grandma, aunt and friend. Along with her husband, she is survived by her children, Pamela Stolze (Rick), Kathryn Shewmake and Timothy Shewmake (Terry), seven grandchildren, Joshua and Jeremy Shewmake, Matthew Stolze (Natalie Horras), Breanne Bonnell (Luke), and Michael Stolze. Two great grandchildren, Amelia and Lincoln Bonnell, her sister, Marjory Bryant, sister-in-law, Carol Hand and her nieces and nephews. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Clifford William Hand and brother-in-law, Robert Bryant. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Monday, December 2, 2024 and continue from 10:30 a.m. until time of funeral services at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 3, 2024 and Gent

Funeral Home in Alton. Pastor Jerry Wray will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to the Bethalto Presbyterian 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

DEC 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002

## Visitation

DEC 3. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002

## Funeral

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002



# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Zada I. Shewmake.

December 01, 2024 at 10:19 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Zada I. Shewmake.



December 01, 2024 at 10:19 PM



“ So sorry to hear this. We had many good volleyball games and events at Elm St. Pres.. Rest in peace, Zada.

**Richard Hetge** - November 29, 2024 at 08:07 AM



“ Your Bethalto Presbyterian Church Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Zada I. Shewmake.



**Your Bethalto Presbyterian Church Family** - November 27, 2024 at 12:59 PM