



Gertrude Clara Wathen

March 18, 1921 - April 20, 2022

Gertrude Clara Wathen, 101, of Bloomington, passed away on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at her residence. She was born on March 18, 1921, in Hermann, Missouri, the daughter of Joseph and Alma (Gaebler) Rode.

Gertrude married her lifelong love, Everett Wathen on August 30, 1945, and they shared 62 years of marriage together. She was devoted homemaker, who was always offering a helping hand to those closest to her. Gertrude was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church and was faithful in her religion having made rosaries for missionaries over the years. Gertrude enjoyed quilting, sewing, gardening and canning the vegetables she grew, along with tending to her flower gardens. She assisted with 4-H, and raised chickens and peacocks.

Gertrude is survived by her children, Brenda Lutgens (Bill), Beverly Reich (Mike), Barbara Sylvester, and Mary Demshar (Scott); 23 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, siblings, Oscar Rode and Sr. Frieda Rode, F.S.M.; and dear friend, Tom Tarzian; who brought communion to Gertrude since 2007.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Everett Wathen; son, Roy Wathen; parents, and five siblings.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 2222 E. 3rd St. Burial will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a Rosary Service at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2022 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 South Old State Road 37, Bloomington. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or Catholic Masses said in Gertrude's memory. Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 25. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 26. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Charles Borromeo Church
2222 E 3rd St
Bloomington, IN 47401-5385
(812) 336-6846

Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Gert and Uncle Everett raised a beautiful family. My condolences to you. ❤️

Theresa Richardson - April 27, 2022 at 10:37 AM

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“ I love you Grandma ❤️
I will always remember the beautiful quilts you made, the large gardens you used to have, the pretty flowers you would plant, the best pickles you made, and my favorite will always be your peach custard pie!

Kristin Reich Tucker - April 25, 2022 at 11:19 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gertrude Clara Wathen.



April 25, 2022 at 07:38 AM