



Gertrude Christina Walker

July 21, 1927 - January 3, 2022

Gertrude Christina (O'Leary) Walker, 94, of Murphysboro, passed away at 2:30 p.m. Monday, January 3, 2022, at Parkway Manor in Marion, Illinois.

Gertrude was born on July 21, 1927, in Ridgway, Illinois to John Henry O'Leary and Mary (Beer) O'Leary.

Mrs. Walker was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church since 1965.

Gertrude enjoyed cross stitch, quilting, working in her yard, reading, sudoku, and crosswords, but more importantly she enjoyed spending time with the family.

Gertrude married John Walker on January 16, 1948 in Ridgway, Illinois, and he preceded her in death on May 3, 2012.

Survivors include three daughters Linda Bugle and her husband Charles Bugle, Debra Casleton and her husband Joe Casleton, all of Anna, and Johna Atkinson and her husband Bill Atkinson of Carterville;

Other survivors include eight grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and one sister Virginia Drone of Ridgway, Illinois.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband John Walker, and six siblings.

A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, January 10, 2022, at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Murphysboro with Father Robert Flannery officiating and burial at St. Andrew Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

The family has requested that everyone who is in attendance at the visitation and service please wear a mask.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Andrew Church or Murphysboro Food Pantry.

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“ *Gertrude Christina Walker*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM

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“ *Mother's Catholic faith was strong and unwavering during her 94 years. Her deeply rooted faith was expressed in the many ways that she gave service in the parishes she attended. As a member of the Legion of Mary at St. Joseph's in Marion she visited the elderly, the sick, and helped families in need. She helped care for the altar linens for the church as a member of the Altar Society. She taught catechism to children becoming Catholic on Saturdays who did not attend Catholic school. But above and beyond these shared gifts of her time and talent, Gertrude's expression of her faith was best shown through using her sweet soprano voice from grade school and high school choir at St. Joseph's in Ridgway. Her mentor, Sister Mary Anthony, wrote these memorable words to Gertrude on the occasion of her wedding to John Walker in 1948: "May your future life be a continuous melody of love for God". Indeed throughout Gertrude's life she would use the gift of her lovely voice to give honor, praise, and glory to God: singing the High Requiem Latin Masses on Saturdays and singing in the choir on Sundays at St. Joseph's in Marion; singing solos and being song leader for many years at St. Andrew's in Murphysboro. Now our dear Mother sings joyfully in a heavenly choir with her dear husband John by her side for all eternity*

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Debra Casleton - January 07, 2022 at 10:58 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss Debbie. You and family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Glenna Stein - January 07, 2022 at 08:38 PM