



Josephine Elizabeth "Betty" Renzaglia

June 22, 1921 - May 12, 2018

Josephine Elizabeth "Betty" Renzaglia passed away with grace and dignity in her home surrounded by her family on May 12th.

Betty was born in LaPorte, Saskatchewan, Canada on June 22nd, 1921 to Arnold Michael and Adella Anna Guidinger. She had two older brothers, Conrad and Ambrose, and was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, and husband, Guy, of almost 63 years.

Betty grew up on a large wheat farm in Saskatchewan and rode a pony to a one-room schoolhouse (at times the only student in her grade). When she was 14, she went away to boarding school to complete high school. After graduating from the University of Saskatchewan in 1944, she completed an internship in dietetics at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto and then worked as a dietitian at Minneapolis General Hospital. She was very proud of her work as a dietitian and loved living in Minneapolis. She met Guy Renzaglia while there, and they were married in January of 1948.

Betty and Guy moved 5 times before settling in Carbondale in 1955. With each move, a child was added to their family, with the last 3 born in Carbondale. Betty created a loving, safe home to raise her 7 children, while Guy worked as a professor at SIU. Betty and Guy had 4 sons, Gary (Sandy), Paul (Katrina), Mark (Sandy) and Dan (Debbie), and 3 daughters, Adelle

(Jim), Karen (Wayne) and Mary Jo (Jim). They were the light of Betty's life as were her 18 grandchildren, Julia, Lindsay, Lauren, Ryan, Elissa, Rhiana, Kara, Anna, Miguel, Andres, Sam, Paul, Liz, Joey, Catherine, Alec, Jack and Carlee and 6 great grandchildren, Rylan, Ellis, Morgan, John, Kaya and Kane. Betty was most happy when she was with her family.

Betty was the matriarch behind the formation of Alto Vineyards, the family winery, and together with her husband Guy, was instrumental in starting the wine and grape industry in Southern Illinois. She also found much fulfillment after her children were grown through volunteer work in Carbondale. She contributed for years delivering Meals-On-Wheels and volunteering at the Memorial Hospital, SIU Museum and St Francis Xavier Church. The church was her community and strength.

Betty loved to travel and had the opportunity to visit a number of countries. In addition to travels to see her children who were scattered around the world, she cherished visits back home to Canada. Even after spending most of her life in the US, she thought of Canada as her home. She was very proud of her Canadian family, including many nieces, nephews and their families.

Betty was a kind, gentle, selfless and generous woman. She saw the beauty in the world, each day remarking about how every living thing was extraordinary in its own way. She brought joy and deep affection to all those around her, and she will live forever within the hearts of those fortunate to know and love her.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 17, 2018 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home

Funeral Services for Betty Renzaglia will be Friday, May 18, 2018 at 10:00 am in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Carbondale with Father Robert

Flanery officiating. Entombment will follow at the Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum.

A luncheon will follow the committal and will be at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. After gatherings at the church, please join the family and friends at Alto Vineyards to celebrate a wonderful life.

Betty's memory can be honored with donations in her name to St Francis Xavier Church.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2500
crain@crainsonline.com

Service

MAY 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

St Francis Xavier Catholic Church
303 S Poplar St
Carbondale, IL 62901-2709
(618) 457-4556

Tribute Wall



“ *Josephine Elizabeth "Betty" Renzaglia*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Josephine Elizabeth "Betty" Renzaglia.*



May 16, 2018 at 09:42 PM



“ *Such a figure of kindness and concern for all around her was the hallmark of this marvelous woman and the memory I will carry of her always.*

steve falcone - May 16, 2018 at 04:20 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Josephine Elizabeth "Betty" Renzaglia.*



May 16, 2018 at 04:17 PM

JG

“ To the Renzaglia Family ... Aunt Betty was truly a loving and caring person. We have many fond memories of her visits to the farm with Uncle Guy and her family and the last couple of visits with Adelle, who was responsible for her being able come. Her final visit in the Fall of 2016, at the age of 95, will never be forgotten. Our visits down there were equally as rewarding and she could never do enough for you. She was a beautiful lady! We offer you our Sympathy, Love and Prayers. Joe & Bev Guidinger.

Joe Guidinger - May 16, 2018 at 01:44 PM



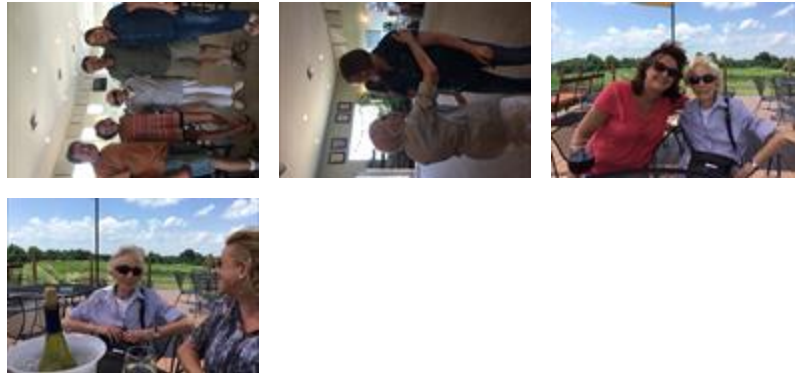
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Josephine Elizabeth "Betty" Renzaglia.



May 16, 2018 at 05:59 AM

JH

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Julee Higginbotham - May 15, 2018 at 08:37 PM

PB

“ *Phil and Wendy BeMiller purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Josephine Elizabeth "Betty" Renzaglia.*



Phil and Wendy BeMiller - May 15, 2018 at 12:48 PM

PB

“ *A true angel. Loving and caring, Betty brought sunshine to all that she touched. Thoughts and prayers with the entire family.*

Phil BeMiller - May 15, 2018 at 12:42 PM

GH

“ *Gerd and Anders Hedman purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Josephine Elizabeth "Betty" Renzaglia.*



Gerd and Anders Hedman - May 15, 2018 at 11:30 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Josephine Elizabeth "Betty" Renzaglia.*



May 15, 2018 at 10:40 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Josephine Elizabeth "Betty" Renzaglia.*



May 15, 2018 at 09:38 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Josephine Elizabeth "Betty" Renzaglia.*



May 15, 2018 at 08:51 AM



“ *TO THE RENZAGLIA FAMILY ...We always loved our visits to the farm from Aunt Betty and Uncle Guy.We will always remember them fondly for their love of life and family. In Sympathy ,Prayers and Love. Don ,Gail, Elaine Guidinger and Family*

Gail Guidinger - May 14, 2018 at 11:00 PM



“ *To the Renzaglia Family...Aunt Betty was my Godmother.and she never forgot my Birthday...I was hoping to visit her this summer...I will be on Retreat the day of her Funeral..so I will be praying very specially for her and all the family..Love and Prayers.Elaine*

Elaine Guidinger - May 14, 2018 at 10:12 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Josephine Elizabeth "Betty" Renzaglia.



May 14, 2018 at 07:02 PM



“ *Joe&Bev, Tom&Sue, Mike&Janet, Bill&Lynn and families purchased the Loving Grace* for the family of Josephine Elizabeth "Betty" Renzaglia.



Joe&Bev, Tom&Sue, Mike&Janet, Bill&Lynn and families - May 13, 2018 at 07:39 PM