



Ludine Chamness

October 27, 1926 - February 19, 2018

Ludine Chamness, age 91 of Murphysboro, passed away, Monday, February 19, 2018 in Herrin Hospital.

She was born October 27, 1926 to Glenn and Violet (Akers) Cecil in Carbondale.

Ludine married Gene Chamness on December 20, 1947. He preceded her on June 30, 2004.

She graduated from the University High School. She had also attended the Western Union School in Crawfordville, IN.

She had been a secretary to the principal at Brush School until it burnt. Then she became the secretary at the Carbondale Community High School until her retirement.

She was an active member since 1948 at the Grace United Methodist Church. Since 1949 she had been the Membership Secretary at the church. She was also a Carbondale Memorial Hospital Auxiliary member since 1983 and an AARP member.

Ludine's fondest memories growing up were on a farm east of town, raising

her children and sharing 56 years of marriage with the love of her life.

She is survived by her children, Gary (Holly) Chamness of Hurst and Sue Ellen (Sid) Klotz of San Antonio, TX; grandchildren, Christopher (Lupe Ponce) Kellett of San Antonio, TX; Nathan (Jill Breeze) Chamness of Oklahoma City, OK; Elizabeth (Greg) Clutts of Marion; Tanya (Sep) Casanova of Converse, TX; Douglas (Genevieve) Koltz of Converse, TX and Danny (Stacey) Young of Salt Lake City, UT; 4 great-grandchildren; siblings, Louie (Judy) Cecil of Crainville; Jennie (Ray) Crawshaw of Elkville; Rachel Moore of Murphysboro and Ann Watson of Perryville, MO; other relatives and a host of friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband and her siblings, Charles Cecil; Jim Cecil and Pauline Kohlmeyer.

Funeral Services for Ludine Chamness will be Friday, February 23, 2018 at 1:00 pm in Grace United Methodist Church with Rev. In-Sook Hwang and Rev. Larry Gilbert officiating. Interment will follow at Murdale Gardens of Memory.

Visitation will be from 10:00 am until the hour of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the maintenance and improvement fund at Grace United Methodist Church and/or Memorial Hospital of Carbondale Auxiliary and will be accepted at the services.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Murdale Gardens of Memory

137 Murdale Gardens Rd
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
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Tribute Wall



“ *Ludine Chamness*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Our family will miss Ludine very much, as we missed Gene also. As part of our neighborhood, there was always a friendly wave when going by, and I remember with youthful amazement the Great Dane, Troubadour, and the 3 wheeler with the oversized tires. It was also comforting to see Ludine when I had to "visit" the Principal's office in High School! I have a feeling she helped me out of a jam or two.*

When we moved a little way down the road, Gene would cut through the woods and fish in our pond, and to this day holds the record for the largest bass caught! It was over 5lbs easy.

More recently, as my children were growing up, their favorite (and mine) Halloween stop was always Ludine's. Her home made popcorn balls were the best thing ever. And she always had an extra one for me!

Joe Hudgins

Joe Hudgins - February 24, 2018 at 11:46 AM



“ *Sue Ellen, Gary and Holly, I am so very sorry for your loss. Ludine was a wonderful person who I have known my entire life. She was a very kind, sweet lady who cared so much about others and had such a warm heart. May God be with all of you during your time of loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Mike Gollither, Grace Church*

Mike Gollither - February 23, 2018 at 01:27 PM

CM

“ I remember Mrs. Chamness well from my childhood at Grace Methodist Church. (The Wednesday night potlucks were a wonderful time for family gathering!) My parents, Ann and Elmer Brandhorst, were good friends with Gene and Ludine. We kids grew up together. Gary and Sue Ellen, my deepest sympathy to you and your families. She was a very sweet and kind lady. Always had a smile to give. Wishing you wonderful memories.

Chris Brandhorst Misker

chris misker - February 23, 2018 at 08:49 AM

KM

“ Sending my condolences. Mrs. Chamness was a wonderful school secretary, counselor to me personally and friend. In 1976 the Superintendent changed our school boundaries and I and a few others was forced to go to Lewis rather than Brush. I called her and cried on her phone line for several minutes. She said I have no control over this decision but keep in mind you will be better for this will give you more friends to get to know and more events before Jr. High level. Go learn at a different location and share with others when you reunite later. Then in the 80's I was dating a young man and she approached me on the streets and saidyou are heading in the wrong direction with him. I respected that. She was always a Christian, cordial, wise woman who befriended me in school and at the hospital where she volunteered with with the Pink Ladies there. Always gracious no matter what she was busily doing. Highest respect for her. Heaven has a new wonderful angel. Keep her legacy alive in your hearts, souls, and minds and rest assure she is enjoying heaven with the highest of full blessings. Hugs and prayers who mourn this wonderful woman. Eternal rest can be a gift and she has earned that gift....yes indeed.



Karen McNeely McMinn - February 21, 2018 at 09:12 PM

DM

“ I, like my sister Cheryl, will miss getting a card from Ludine at Christmas. She & our mom were life long friends & were especially close in the months before Mom died. I loved her.
Donna McBride Marco

Donna M Marco - February 21, 2018 at 01:20 PM

LT

“ My parents, Leonard & Dorothy Thompson, were friends with Gene and Ludine and thought very highly of them. If memory serves correctly, Dad worked with Gene at the Carbondale Post Office and the wives of the postal workers would often get together in a 'Ladies Auxiliary' group. Our family photo album has wonderful pictures of the group gatherings. My thoughts are with your entire family at this time.

Linda Thompson - February 21, 2018 at 10:23 AM

CM

“ My sister Donna and I grew up enjoying our parents' close and special friendship with Gene and Ludine. She was such a good and caring companion to Mom in her last months. We continued to stay in touch each Christmas. I loved her. Cheryl McBride Mueller

cheryl mueller - February 20, 2018 at 10:25 PM

MS

“ Sue Ellen, Gary and Holly, I am so sorry for your loss. One of my earliest memories is of your Mom babysitting me. She was such a lovely, sweet, gentle spirit. God has gained a very special angel. I'm sending love and prayers for all of you.

Martha Searcy - February 20, 2018 at 12:30 PM

LB

“ Pierre and I loved Ludine. She was such a vital part of Grace United Methodist. Always smiling and working hard of the many activities, especially the Grace Race.

Linda Jones Barrette - February 19, 2018 at 10:53 PM

CB

“ *Ludine and Gene have been so important to my family and I've known them my entire life. Gene and my grandpa were close friends, and Ludine was so kind and thoughtful to me during my mother's illness. She is a special person and I'll never forget her.* ”

Cathy Biggs - February 19, 2018 at 09:38 PM