



Rita O'Donnell

April 21, 1922 - April 21, 2019

Rita O'Donnell, age 97 of Murphysboro, passed away Sunday, April 21, 2019 in the Big Muddy Assisted Living.

She was born on April 21, 1922 in Cleveland, OH to Frank and Mathilda Holzheimer.

Rita married Paul Thomas O'Donnell on March 12, 1946. He preceded her in 1991.

She retired from the University of Texas as a lab assistant in 1986. She was a wonderful homemaker.

She was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Murphysboro.

Rita is survived by her son, Ed (Jennifer) O'Donnell of Murphysboro; 3 grandchildren, Reagan (Josh) Meetze; Samantha (Alan) Stevens and Britney (Blake) Rosier; 6 great-grandchildren, Taylor, Ainsley, Will, Elizabeth, Michael and Bowen; a nephew, Tom (Diane) Holzheimer; other relatives and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and 6 brothers, Herb, Harry, Frank, Tom, Bob and Ed.

A Memorial Service hosted by the family will be Monday, April 29, 2019 at 10:30 am in St. Andrew Catholic Church, Murphysboro with Father Gary Gummersheimer officiating.

Visitation will be from 9:30 am until the hour of service at the church.

Inurnment will be at a later date in Royal Palms Cemetery in Port Aransas, Texas.

Memorials can be made to the Voyage Senior Living, formerly known as Big Muddy Assisted Living in Murphysboro.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Andrew Catholic Church
724 Mulberry St.
Murphysboro, IL

Memorial Service

APR **29**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rita O'Donnell*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Rita was truly one of the most amazing women I have ever met. She was a joy to know. My heart and prayers are with her family at this time. God bless you.*
Jill Hennessey

Jill Hennessey - April 28, 2019 at 11:52 AM



She was the best ❤️ 🙏 ♂️ ❤️ 🙏 ❤️

Tom Holzheimer - April 29, 2019 at 06:43 PM