



Agnes Cecelia Gergely

May 11, 1924 - August 30, 2014

Agnes Cecelia Gergely of rural Albia passed away on Saturday, August 30 at Monroe County Hospital under the care of Monroe County Hospice. She was born on May 11, 1924 in rural Melrose. Her parents were Agnes Cecelia Killion and Edward Cleary. Her maternal grandparents were Anna McDonough and Edward Killion. Her paternal grandparents were Margaret McGee and James Cleary. She grew up and attended country school in rural Melrose. She graduated from Melrose High School in 1940.

She married George Gergely on August 12, 1953 at Christ the King Catholic Church in Des Moines, Iowa. George's great-niece, Mary Ann Rossi Conrad, who met Agnes at St. Catherine's Hall in Des Moines, Iowa, introduced Agnes and George in August 1952.

Agnes and George were blessed with two children: Rita and Joann (Steve) Gergely Bedner. George passed away in 1974. Agnes is survived by her daughters; two grandchildren: Christine Germaine Bedner and Caitlyn Glee Bedner; and one great-granddaughter, Gladys Jo-Agnes Rowe. She is also survived by a sister, Wilhemina Carroll of Des Moines. Finally, she is survived by numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

During World War II, Agnes built bombers in factories in Ypsilanti, Michigan, and in California. She came back to Des Moines after the war ended to help

care for her nieces and nephews. She worked at various restaurants and was the head cashier for Kresgese in Des Moines. She became a stay-at-home wife and cared for George's mother, Anna Gergely, until she died in 1961. After her daughters were born, she was a stay-at-home mother until George passed away in 1974. She then worked at Ben Franklin's in Albia and Monroe County Public Health. She provided home care to many people on her own and through Monroe County Public Health.

Agnes enjoyed her children's activities, including 4-H, music, and scholastic activities in high school and college. She cherished time spent with her daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughter. She enjoyed visiting with her sister by phone and watching the birds and flowers in the landscape at the farm. She always smiled when a niece or nephew called her "Aunt Agnes." She also smiled whenever a neighbor stopped to visit.

Agnes was preceded in death by her husband, parents, step-mother, grandparents, and three siblings: Joseph Cleary, Edward Cleary Jr, and Mary Cleary Coady.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m., Monday, September 8, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Fr. Michael E. Volkmer, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will open at 11 a.m., Sunday, September 7, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with the family present from 3-8 p.m. A scriptural rosary will be led by St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society and Agnes's family at 4 p.m. and a Christian wake service will be 6 p.m. Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the family

Tribute Wall



“ *Agnes Cecelia Gergely*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Agnes Cecelia Gergely*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Dear Rita,
We share the sadness of your loss of your mother. I will spread the word.
Bob & Monica*

Bob Bellizzi - San Jose, CA - Friend of Rita - September 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *dear rita,
not a day went by since you took an early retirement to care for your mother and those early days, I prayed for you and your mother. what a blessing that she is now in Jesus heavenly arms I miss my Mom and I know I will see her one day. she has been gone for 22 years. I will continue to keep you in my thoughts and prayers.
blessings Karen*

Karen Lindblad - Mountain view, CA - a friend to Rita Gergely - September 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Just received word of Agnes Passing over the Weekend. What a Wonderful lady and such a Strong Person indeed. My Thoughts and Prayers to Rita and Joanne and Immediate Family. May God Speed and Bless her Soul on her Newest Journey.

May she Rest in Peace and live forever in our Hearts and Mind.

Andy & Marina Simmons

Andy Simmons - Fulton, IL - Friend - September 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Agnes was a very caring and loving person, whom always had a warm smile.
She helped take care of Ed's parents and they always looked forward to her coming to their home. May she rest in peace!
Our deepest sympathy to her family. Love and prayers, Ed & Cheryl Scieszinski

Ed & Cheryl Scieszinski - Albia, IA - friend - September 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ Rita, I'm so very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Mom spoke often of her and always said what a nice person she was. Losing your mother is a difficult thing. I'll keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Kathy Slofkosky

Kathy Slofkosky - Knoxville, IA - September 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Vince and I send our thoughts and prayers to your family - and remember all the fun memories of our visits to the Gergely farm.
Vince and Annabelle

Annabelle Keith - Colorado Springs, CO - Niece - September 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM