



Catherine Elizabeth Caudill

March 22, 1925 - December 18, 2019

Catherine Elizabeth Caudill, age 94, of Albia passed away on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at Oakwood Specialty Care Center in Albia.

Catherine was born March 22, 1925 to Pete and Anna (Gergely) Sereg at home in rural Eddyville, Iowa. She attended Forest Hill school through 8th grade, then stayed home one year to help her ill mother. To attend high school, she boarded in town and graduated from Eddyville High School, Class of 1945. She taught at Garfield School 1945 – 1947. She married Clair Caudill on March 8, 1947 at the St. Mary's Catholic rectory in Albia. Their marriage was blessed with six children, Susan, Dean, Rose, Chris, Bill and Dan. They shared 64 years of marriage, until Clair's death in 2011.

Catherine was a stay at home mom kept busy raising their children and volunteering with their many activities. Throughout life she was creative enjoying hobbies of painting, wood crafts, crocheting, ceramics, sewing, and quilting. She made more than 30 quilts treasured by her children and grandchildren and leaves many quilts to be completed. She sewed the last projects for the 2018 family Christmas. Catherine was a great cook with black raspberry pie, bread and kolaches from her Czech heritage among family favorites. Many young couples were lucky to receive her crocheted 'names' as wedding gifts. In the past few years, her day was not complete without watching Mass on tv and completing all the daily newspaper puzzles.

Catherine worked part time at Jefferson School serving lunch, and earned several Mrs. Albee's, coveted Avon sales awards during the 15 years she sold Avon. She was a faithful member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Altar and Rosary Society, Companions of the Precious Blood, Albia Crazy Quilters, and Albia Garden Club.

Catherine is survived by her children and grandchildren, Susan (Mike)McDonnell-Brumm, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and her children, Jason McDonnell and Sara (Lannie) McDonnell-Lukesh; Dean (Madonna) Caudill and their children, Tami (Tony) Akridge; Scott (Melissa) Caudill; Missy (Mark) Summers; Jeff (Jessica) Caudill; and Lisa Caudill; Chris Caudill and his children, Edwin and Clara; Bill (Vicki) Caudill and their children, Miranda (Cody) Ingle, Andy Burnside, Brianna Caudill (Kasten Bodensteiner), Marissa (Evan) Carruthers, and Brendan; Dan (Rhonda) Caudill and their children, Heather (Lee) McDonald and Alisha (Jon) Bower, of Albia. Catherine is also survived by seventeen great grandchildren, Kailey (Kevin) Wynn, Taylor Peterson; Logan, Delaney and Addison Caudill; Jessica (Darren) Miller, Makenzie and Makayla Summers; Jade and Janelle Caudill; Raynan, Rosalyn and Ryant Ingle; Aubree Carruthers; Karter Bodensteiner; Liam and Finn McDonald; one great-great grandson, Chip Wynn; one sister, Dorothy Lewis; and one brother Tom (Karen) Sereg; sister-in-law Ethel (Joe) Lahart, along with numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sons in infancy, Stephen and Mark Caudill; a daughter, Rose Caudill; a granddaughter, Nicole Caudill; a son-in-law, Pat McDonnell; six brothers, Stephen, Andrew, Joe, Pete, John and Irvin Sereg; and one sister; Margaret Derby.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m., Friday, December 20, 2019, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Catherine's family present from 4:00-

8:00 p.m. to greet family and friends. A rosary will be held at 4:00 p.m. led by St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society and a Christian Wake Service will be held at 6:00 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, December 21, 2019, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Fr. Mark Yates, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will follow the service at St. Mary's Cemetery in Albia.

Memorials may be directed to St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Albia Leisure Lounge, or the Welcome Home Soldier Memorial.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Albia, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 20. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Rosary

DEC 20. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Christian Wake

DEC **20**. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

DEC **21**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
730 Benton Ave W
Albia, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Catherine Elizabeth Caudill*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Catherine Elizabeth Caudill*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *PRAYERS TO ALL THE FAMILY*

ED MCGINN - December 23, 2019 at 08:59 AM



“ *Both Clair and Catherine were two of our excellent volunteers while I was the Manager of the Leisure Lounge. We shared many good times. (and Avon samples!).*

RIP Catherine and enjoy your next journey in your faith. I'm sure Clair was waiting for you with open arms!

Many prayers to the Caudill family.

Kathy Elliott

Kathy Elliott - December 20, 2019 at 09:44 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Catherine Elizabeth Caudill.*



December 19, 2019 at 03:29 PM



“ *I remember your mother fondly in the years we were elementary students at St. Marys. God Bless you Sue and all of your family.*
Mary Schleier Krug

Mary Schelier Krug - December 19, 2019 at 11:40 AM



“ *BONNIE L MORROW lit a candle in memory of Catherine Elizabeth Caudill*



BONNIE L MORROW - December 19, 2019 at 10:31 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine Elizabeth Caudill.*



December 19, 2019 at 08:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Catherine Elizabeth Caudill.*



December 19, 2019 at 08:42 AM



“ *Prayers to all my cousins as you deal with the loss of Aunt Catherine. I know she will be missed, but what a legacy she has left behind. Reading her obituary, I learned many things I didn't know about her. Take comfort that she lived a good life and she is now with God and of course, Uncle Clair! My thoughts will be with you all as you deal with this loss, especially since it's right before Christmas. Take time to reminisce about her fondly. Much love to the family.*

Sincerely,

Lynn Bishoff- Kansas City

Lynn Bishoff - December 19, 2019 at 07:25 AM



“ *Sue, your mom was so beautiful, so gracious, so kind. I still remember how she tolerated our messes when we were experimenting with paint at your house. This may sound strange, but I never knew her name was Catherine until today. She was always "Sue's Mom", or "Mrs. Caudill." We are so very sorry for this loss of your family treasure. With Love, Diana.*

Diana Parson - December 18, 2019 at 11:04 PM

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“ I have many memories of your mother and your dad as well as each of you. Sorry I will not be able to speak to you in person. God Bless You.

Margaret Mordan - December 18, 2019 at 10:36 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Catherine Elizabeth Caudill.



December 18, 2019 at 10:25 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine Elizabeth Caudill.



December 18, 2019 at 08:49 PM

CT

“ I remember Catherine and Clair very well. My dad, George McCombs and Clair worked together at Briggs Motor for years, and they would come to our home to visit. I think there was even some homemade ice cream involved as well!! They were both wonderful people and good friends. I know you have many, many loving memories, hold them close and smile (or shed some tears) when you remember. Love to you all. Colleen (McCombs) Thomas.

Colleen Thomas - December 18, 2019 at 08:29 PM