



## Lillian "Rose" Ragan

November 19, 1927 - June 6, 2024

Lillian "Rose" Ragan, age 96, of Albia, IA, passed away on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at her home, under the care of her granddaughter, Kiley; great grandchildren, Isaiah and Myah; and EveryStep Hospice.

Rose was born on November 19, 1927, in Indian Creek Township, IL, to William Anderson and Muriel Pauline (Gunter) Walker. She grew up attending school and graduated from high school in Indian Creek Township. In June of 1946, Rose was united in marriage to Harry "Bud" E. Carlson Jr. in Elgin, IL, and to this union, 5 children were born, Bill, Greg, Muriel, Doug, and Brian. Bud preceded Rose in death on September 28, 1977. On July 29, 1983, Rose was united in marriage to Blair "Richard" Ragan in Illinois, and gained 3 children, John, Sharon, and Victoria. Rose and Richard were blessed with 39 years of marriage prior to Richard's passing on December 3, 2022.

Rose worked for Burgess-Norton Manufacturing where she worked as an inspector in quality control. She then worked at Furnace Electrical for a short period of time before moving to Iowa where she helped Kate Brock in her real estate business. Rose also cleaned homes for 30+ years. Her most loved job of all was being a homemaker, raising her children and helping raise her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Rose enjoyed being outdoors and vegetable and flower gardening. Rose was

very nurturing, had a huge heart and was very generous. She was a caretaker for many family members over the years. She enjoyed visiting with others and never knew a stranger. Rose was an excellent cook and baker, known for her Sunday dinners, beef and noodles, and fried chicken. Rose loved the holidays and spending time with her family.

Rose is survived by her children, Bill (Allison) Carlson, Greg (Cynthia) Carlson, Muriel Carlson, Doug Carlson, Brian (Diana) Carlson, John (Ligita) Ragan, Sharon (Chris) Dickenson, and Victoria Pae; 25 grandchildren; 40 great grandchildren; 15 great-great grandchildren; and 5 siblings, Philip E. Walker, Carol Becker, Becky Johnson, Regina "Fern" Johns, and Dena L. Hunt. Rose is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

Rose is preceded in death by her husbands, Harry "Bud" Carlson Jr. and Blair "Richard" Ragan; her parents, William and Muriel Walker; a granddaughter, Brittney Carlson; and 6 siblings, Beulah (Troy) Roberts, Walter Thornton Walker, Randall L. Walker, Cloyd W. Walker, Mary Bernadine Walker, and Sharon S. (Floyd) Sellers.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Rose's family present throughout to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, June 14, 2024, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Father Mark Yates, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will follow services at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Georgetown.

An open memorial has been established to the family to be determined at a later date.



# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery

Georgetown, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 13.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

DS

“ David and Charlotte Sills planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lillian "Rose" Ragan.

David and Charlotte Sills - June 14, 2024 at 10:52 AM

DS

“ David and Charlotte Sills purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lillian "Rose" Ragan.



David and Charlotte Sills - June 14, 2024 at 10:52 AM

VM

“ Vicki, Rich, Jon, Mackenzie and Madison purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Lillian "Rose" Ragan.



Vicki, Rich, Jon, Mackenzie and Madison - June 13, 2024 at 12:36 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lillian "Rose" Ragan.



June 13, 2024 at 08:46 AM

JR

“ John, Ligita, Richard and Raymond Ragan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lillian "Rose" Ragan.

John, Ligita, Richard and Raymond Ragan - June 12, 2024 at 03:34 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lillian "Rose" Ragan.



June 12, 2024 at 03:34 PM

MF

“ Our thoughts and condolences are with the entire family. My Grandma was a kind, hardworking strong person who always put family before herself. We are forever grateful for her love and will always cherish our memories of her. I love you Grandma.

Michael Carlson and Family - June 12, 2024 at 11:46 AM

TC

“ The Family of Michael Carlson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lillian "Rose" Ragan.

The Family of Michael Carlson - June 12, 2024 at 11:41 AM

TC

“ *The Family of Michael Carlson purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Lillian "Rose" Ragan.*



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**The Family of Michael Carlson** - June 12, 2024 at 11:41 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lillian "Rose" Ragan.*



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June 12, 2024 at 12:38 AM

GG

“ *GREAT-GREAT GRANDCHILDREN planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lillian "Rose" Ragan.*

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**GREAT-GREAT GRANDCHILDREN** - June 12, 2024 at 12:38 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lillian "Rose" Ragan.*



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June 12, 2024 at 12:24 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lillian "Rose" Ragan.



June 11, 2024 at 12:22 AM



“ The Family Of William Carlson purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Lillian "Rose" Ragan.



The Family Of William Carlson - June 10, 2024 at 01:54 PM



“ The Judges planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lillian "Rose" Ragan.

The Judges - June 08, 2024 at 07:41 PM



“ The Judges purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lillian "Rose" Ragan.



The Judges - June 08, 2024 at 07:41 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Lillian "Rose" Ragan.*



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June 07, 2024 at 06:08 PM



“ *It was an honor to know her for so many years.*

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**Gerald Haas** - June 07, 2024 at 01:16 PM