



Annemarie Hays

September 13, 1932 - December 26, 2024

On Thursday, Dec. 26, 2024, Annemarie (Luchsinger) Hays, 92, formerly of St. Anne, departed graciously into eternal life after a short stay at Riverside Hospital.

She was born on September 13, 1932, in Zurich, Switzerland, the daughter of Fritz and Gertrude (Mueller). Annemarie married William "Bill" Hays on July 24, 1954, at Mt. Olive General Baptist Church, in Bluford, Illinois. They were married for 42 years until Bill passed in 1996. Annemarie was preceded in passing by her parents and one sister, Verena Luchsinger.

Annemarie was employed over the years at Riverside Hospital, Manteno State Hospital, and Good Shepherd Manor where she made many friends and enjoyed helping others. She was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Kankakee for many years.

Annemarie had many interests throughout her life. She collected blown glass, especially from Lotton Art Glass in Crete, Illinois. She enjoyed crocheting and knitting and occasionally played card games (even poker), slot machines, and board games. Most of all, she loved spending time with the family she treasured. In earlier years she traveled to Switzerland to enjoy family time. On several occasions she brought grandchildren there to visit also. She was generous, kind, and thoughtful. Annemarie was affectionally called; "Grandma" and "GG" which she loved and cherished.

Surviving are her children, William "Steve" Hays (Sherry), of Marshall Illinois, Bryan "Fritz" Hays (Joelene), of St. Anne Illinois, Barbara Miedema (Jim) of

Momence; 8 grandchildren, Stephanie Neely (Kevin), Jennifer Herman, Steven Hays (Colleen), Aaron Hays, Alan Hays (Jaime), Sarah Miedema, Eddie Miedema (Rita), and Jordan Miedema; 19 great-grandchildren; sister, Regula Bernasconi-Kiss (Miki), of Zurich, Switzerland; niece, Andrea Moore; nephew, Mark Bernasconi; and her beloved cat, "Baby Girl".

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2024, from 11am – 2 pm at Jensen Funeral Home, located at 3639 E. State Route 17, Kankakee, IL. A graveside service will follow at St. Anne Cemetery, St. Anne, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers please send donations in Annemarie's name to the Kankakee County Humane Foundation 2214 IL -1. St. Anne, IL 60964.

Cemetery Details

St. Anne Cemetery

6917-6965 S. 7000 E. Road
St. Anne, IL 60964

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 18. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 EAST State Route 17
Kankakee, IL 60901
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

Burial

JAN 18 (CT)

St. Anne Cemetery
6917-6965 S. 7000 E. Road
St. Anne, IL 60964

Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Maria Gonzalez lit a candle in memory of Annemarie Hays*



Maria Gonzalez - January 18, 2025 at 07:20 PM

MB

“ *Mary Blum lit a candle in memory of Annemarie Hays*



Mary Blum - January 14, 2025 at 11:03 AM

CD

“ *Chuck & Nancy Dixon lit a candle in memory of Annemarie Hays*



Chuck & Nancy Dixon - January 06, 2025 at 06:19 PM

JB

“ *Janice Bonnell lit a candle in memory of Annemarie Hays*



Janice Bonnell - January 06, 2025 at 09:45 AM

SD

“ *Sandy Deatherage lit a candle in memory of Annemarie Hays*



Sandy Deatherage - January 05, 2025 at 11:48 AM

RP

“ *Annemarie was such a good friend to my mother (Agnes) and my father. My mother considered her her best friend. I have a picture of my parents that Annemarie gave to me after my father passed. I think of Annemarie each time I look at the picture. My condolences to Sherry and Steve and the whole family.*

Rebecca Pourroy - January 04, 2025 at 11:27 AM

SH

Thanks Becky, I know Annemarie truly enjoyed your family. We talked often as she didn't know I knew you before Joe, Agnes Bill (Dad)and Mom became such close friends I know they're reunited in eternal life. thanks again

Sherry Hays - January 13, 2025 at 08:03 PM

AK

“ *Annemarie had a special place in my heart and losing her leaves an empty space in my heart that can never be filled.*

Annemarie came into my life when I was a recent widow and from day one when we first met, she helped fill a void in my life that I needed.

We soon became close friends and learned to check on each other every day to make sure that all was well on that day.

Along with the above-mentioned friendship, she soon joined a group of my close friends. We had many good times, lots of laughs, not too serious card games, and good food. She joined our Senior Club group and fit right in with all our friends.

I feel blessed to have had her in my life. The last few months of her life she seemed to want to spend mostly in alone time and not so much the social aspect of her life. I respected that and appreciated what times we did visit by phone.

To say that Annemarie will be missed in my life is an understatement.

In loving memory of your mother, grandmother and Great Grandmother.

Her neighbor and friend

Annalee Knight

Annalee Knight - January 03, 2025 at 06:47 AM

SH

I know the special bond you shared and appreciate all you did by just being you. You both share a place in my heart and I'll never forget the time we shared together.

*Keep in touch
Sherry*

Sherry Hays - January 13, 2025 at 08:08 PM

KL

“ *Kathy & Kenny Luedtke lit a candle in memory of Annemarie Hays*



Kathy & Kenny Luedtke - January 02, 2025 at 07:32 PM

SD

“ *Sandy Deatherage lit a candle in memory of Annemarie Hays*



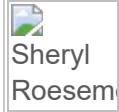
Sandy Deatherage - January 02, 2025 at 07:07 PM

 Sheryl Roesemeier

“ *Sheryl Roesemeier lit a candle in memory of Annemarie Hays*



Sheryl Roesemeier - January 02, 2025 at 02:09 PM



*L*Ove her smile and hugs

Sheryl Roesemeier - January 02, 2025 at 02:09 PM



“ *"Your Heart" Cardinal Memorial Marker was purchased for the family of Annemarie Hays.*



December 31, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Annemarie Hays.

December 31, 2024 at 10:47 AM