



Charlene Graham

July 12, 1931 - August 22, 2019

Charlene A. Graham, 88, of Clifton passed away August 22, 2019 at Presence Merkle Knipprath Countryside. She was born July 12, 1931 to Burnet T. and Bertha R. (Ruder) Yeates in Bonfield, IL. Charlene graduated from Herscher High School. She married LeRoy Graham on July 31, 1953 in Los Angeles and he passed away on March 24, 2013.

Charlene was employed as a Legal Secretary from 1950 to 1993 when she retired. She loved to travel, play cards, crossword puzzles, family get-togethers and gardening. Especially planting Pansy's in the winter and Begonias in the summer. Charlene enjoyed attending the Senior Citizens Group "Hilltoppers" and was of the Catholic faith.

Surviving 2 sisters and a brother-in-law; Gerri Rashinskas of Clifton and Nancy Sunnen of Somonauk, IL, 1 brother and sister-in-law; James (Judi) Yeates of Omaha, NE. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews and a special niece, Kay Scott.

Charlene was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, LeRoy Graham; two brothers, William and Andrew Yeates and two brothers-in-law, John Rashinskas and Leslie Sunnen.

Memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, August 31, 2019 at Presence Merkle Knipprath St. Francis Chapel in Clifton, IL from 9:00 a.m. until the time of Charlene's funeral mass at 10:00 a.m.

Private inurnment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery will take place at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Presence Merkle Knipprath Countryside Activities Department in Clifton, IL or Open Door Rehabilitation Center in Sandwich, IL. Please sign her online guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421
(815) 423-9958
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/abrahamlincoln.asp>

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG 31. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Presence Merkle Knipprath Countryside Chapel

Memorial Mass

AUG 31. 10:00 AM (CT)

Presence Merkle Knipprath Countryside Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ *Charlene Graham*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *a lovely woman and great singing partner in our chorus. We will miss her. Maggie Vogt*

Maggie Vogt - August 31, 2019 at 02:19 PM



“ *Am thinking of you Aunt Charlene and Uncle Roy being together now with my Dad and my granddaughter Miriam. Makes me smile Miriam gets to meet my special Aunt. I tear up in fond memories of singing around the piano, your trust in letting me take pictures w your camera when i was really young, many family picnics, coming to California twice and my first camping trip at the Redwood forest w your camper. You made visiting you such a great treat whether Cali or Georgia or Illinois. Always gracious hostess. You'll always be one of my favorite Aunts as you made all us kids feel so very treasured and special because YOU were so special yourself❤️ I will treasure all these memories and many more!💜💙💛 Hugs and love to you all Aunt Gerri, Aunt Nancy, Uncle Jim and Judy , and To Kay and all my cousins and all the rest of my family. I miss you all and Wish could be there in person today to hug y'all!💙 Rest in peace Dearest Aunt Charlene❤️ Rebecca (Yeates) Carley*

Rebecca Carley - August 31, 2019 at 01:13 PM



“ I have many fond childhood memories of you Aunt Charlene. Oh the fun we had. Will always be grateful for you and Uncle Roy. I Enjoy thinking about those days. May you enjoy eternal peace ❤️

Stephanie DeSana - August 30, 2019 at 07:52 AM



“ Yellow Rose Bud (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Charlene Graham.



August 27, 2019 at 06:57 PM



“ Charlene was a very welcome part of our Something Special Singers! She was always friendly, curious, and loving. We've been missing her at practices and performances and will continue to do so for some time. You have my sympathy.

Janet Glidden - August 26, 2019 at 02:12 PM



You have my deepest sympathy. Charlene was a classmate at Herscher Hi and long time friend. Lucille [Rahn] Jarka

Lucille - August 28, 2019 at 10:52 AM

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“ Dear Family of Charlene

My deepest sympathy on your loss. I have met Charlene several times and seemed a very nice person..

*Cindy LaVoie Bossinger
Peoria, AZ*

Cynthia Bossinger - August 24, 2019 at 07:19 PM