



Mrs. Cora Gertrude Antonacci

November 10, 1937 - April 23, 2020

Cora Antonacci, 82, of Alma, Illinois, passed away on April 23, 2020 in her log home surrounded by her loving family. In her later years, Cora suffered from Alzheimer's disease.

Service: Extended family and friends are invited to drive through the Alma Cemetery and pay respects to Cora and her family from noon to 1 pm on Wednesday, April 29th. Social distancing rules will be observed, and everyone should remain in their vehicles. A private burial service for immediate family members will follow at 1 pm. A funeral mass and celebration of Cora's life will be held as soon as conditions permit a safe gathering of family and friends. Southerland Rankin Funeral Homes in Salem, Illinois is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com.

Cora was born in Peoria, Illinois to Benno Lynn and Mary (Humes) Alig on November 10, 1937. She attended Catholic elementary school in Canton, Illinois followed by graduation from Canton High School. After high school graduation, she moved to Peoria where she met and married the love of her life, Tony Antonacci. They met, passing each morning on the Franklin Street Bridge. The couple was married on June 29th, 1957 in Canton at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Cora was a homemaker and lived a farm life with her husband, Tony, during their 62 years of marriage. She was a party planner for

House of Loyd Home Interiors, an accountant at the sale barn in Salem, and bus driver for Kinmundy-Alma/South Central school district. She was co-owner of the Three Bee's Book Store in Alma with her husband. Throughout her life, Cora found many ways to volunteer in the community and seldom met a stranger. She was a volunteer at school for her children, a 4-H leader of the Jubilee Hill Patriots 4-H Club in Brimfield, Illinois, and a 4-H leader of the Wide Awake 4-H Club in Kinmundy and Alma. She was a member of the "Pink Ladies" Salem Township Hospital Auxiliary and the Daffy Dill Garden Club. She volunteered with the Salvation Army Thrift Store in Centralia, Illinois and Town Library in Alma. She had a love of reading, gardening, cooking and collecting antiques. Cora will be remembered by family and friends for her language of love, gift giving.

Cora was preceded in death by her parents, Benno and Mary Alig, father and mother-in-law, Mike and Josephine Antonacci, brothers, Lynn Alig, Alan Alig and Mike Alig, a sister Donna Herberger and sisters-in-law, Mickey Nauman, Elaine Alig and Marilyn Alig.

Cora is survived by her husband, Tony, and four children, two sons, Anthony (Deb) Antonacci Jr., and Paul (Diane) Antonacci, both of Breese, Illinois, a daughter, Pam (Robert) Meyer, Athens, Alabama, a daughter, Lucinda (Robert) Fulton, Staunton, Illinois, niece, Sue (Michael) Sloat, Centralia, Illinois. Grandchildren include: Elizabeth Antonacci, Peoria, Illinois, David Antonacci, Madison, Wisconsin, Joseph Antonacci, Fort Collins, Colorado, Dominic Antonacci, Bloomington, Illinois, Anne Marie Antonacci and Ellen Antonacci, Breese, Illinois, Jacob Meyer, Athens, Alabama, Julia Meyer, Birmingham, Alabama, Matthew Meyer, Charlotte, North Carolina, Maria Meyer, Athens, Alabama, Mary Hilmes, Breese, Illinois, Michael Antonacci, Mascoutah, John (Amanda) Antonacci, Steeleville, Illinois, Thomas Antonacci, Mascoutah, Illinois, Miranda Fulton, St. Charles, Missouri, Lydia Fulton and Samantha Fulton, Staunton, Illinois, Sean Maxey, Scottsdale, Arizona, Ben

Sloat and Cindi Sloat, Centralia, Illinois. She is also survived by seven great grandchildren, Katherine, Sarah, Caroline, Isaiah, Avery, Luke and Karigan. Other survivors include three brothers, Donald Alig, Peoria, Illinois, James Alig, Canton, Illinois and Patrick (Connie) Alig, Virginia Beach, Virginia, brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Joanne Whittaker, McColl, SC, brothers-in-law, Clinton Nauman, Chillicothe, Illinois and Niles Herberger, Wellsville, New York and sisters-in-law, Jan Miller, Jenny Alig and Suzanne Alig and special friends, Mike and Tracy Smith, Peoria, Illinois plus many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be given to SSM Hospice Home Care, the Local Walk to End Alzheimer's, or the donor's choice. The family of Cora Antonacci wishes to extend their sincere thanks to Dr. Mahvish Zahoor and her staff, SSM Hospice Home Care and her home caregivers.

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Sam Jones Family purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Mrs. Cora Gertrude Antonacci.*



The Sam Jones Family - April 28, 2020 at 04:14 PM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. We will miss Cora as we so enjoyed our time in the card club and then driving down there to visit with you and picking out books at the book store. Cora was a very generous person and she loved her family so much. We met Cora way back when she worked at Altorfer Brothers as we both worked there also. May she Rest In Peace. Dick and Betty Geier*

Betty Geier - April 27, 2020 at 09:49 PM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Aunt Cora was one of kind and it was always so obvious that she loved her family through and through!
God Bless you all and give you a peace that only He can Provide.
Love,
Dreama and Mark Waldrop and Family*

Dreama Waldrop - April 27, 2020 at 10:30 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Cora was a wonderful lady and we both have fond memories of her. God bless your family. Gary and Dedra (Chitwood) Wagoner

Gary / Dedra Wagoner - April 26, 2020 at 06:20 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cora Gertrude Antonacci.



April 26, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cora Gertrude Antonacci.



April 26, 2020 at 01:59 PM

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“ Cora was one of a kind and I adored her. I delivered the mail for 26 years and she often met me to chat about our shared love of flowers or books. One particular day I was going through some issues and Cora told me I looked like I needed a hug and she proceeded to do just that. She was right and it made my day.

judy maxey - April 26, 2020 at 10:22 AM