



Laura Minta Rainey

September 24, 1930 - September 30, 2024

Laura Minta Rainey, 94, passed away peacefully on September 30th, 2024, in Salem, Illinois. She was born on September 24th, 1930, in Mt. Vernon to Harry and Grace (McPherson) Rich. She married the love of her life, Charles Rainey, on February 2nd, 1952.

Minta, as she was known, was extremely active in the Grace United Methodist Church in Salem, where she was active in the women's group and worked in the office. She and Charles were volunteers through the UMC helping work in disaster areas. Minta loved music, including playing the piano from adolescence through adulthood, and playing cello in the Mt. Vernon Highschool orchestra. She had a love of helping others through volunteer work and enjoyed spending time with her entire family.

Minta is survived by her husband of 72 years: Charles Rainey; her son: Todd Rainey of Bluffton, Ohio; daughter-in-law: Mary Sue Rainey; grandson: Thomas Rainey, wife Ashley, and their children Gideon and Falicity Rainey; and granddaughter: Beth Hallee, husband Dan, and their children Lillian and Brian Hallee; brother-in-law: Richard Marlin; and sister-in-law: Mary Rich. She was preceded in death by her parents: Harry and Grace Rich; son: David Rainey; Sister Viona Marlin; and brother: Don Rich.

Cremation rites were afforded per family wishes. A Celebration of life will be held Saturday October 26th, 2024, from 4:00pm to 5:00 pm at the Grace United Methodist Church Sanctuary in Salem, with Pastor Carol Lakota Eastin officiating. Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home, 310 North Broadway/ P.O. Box

97 Salem, Illinois 62881, (618)548-1234, is honored to be of service to Minta's family, at this time. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **26**. 4:00 PM (CT)

Grace United Methodist Church
116 E Schwartz St,
Salem, IL 62881
(618) 548-2810

Tribute Wall



“ LeeAnne and Jack Craven planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Minta Rainey.

LeeAnne and Jack Craven - October 24, 2024 at 01:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Laura Minta Rainey.



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