



Nadine Stonecipher

December 8, 2025

Mrs. Alta Nadine Stonecipher, age 96, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 8, 2025.

She was born on July 20, 1929, at her family home on Emma Street in Christopher, Franklin County, Illinois, the daughter of Nathan Caley Chrisman, Senior Agent with the Illinois Central Railroad, and Carrie Marie McAnelly Owens Chrisman, a skilled tailor. In 1944, her family moved to Centralia, Illinois, where she attended high school, played clarinet in the school and piano at home, and grew into the gracious young woman so many remember. It was there that she met the love of her life, Ernest “Joe” Stonecipher, Jr., beginning a lifelong romance that started when he walked her home each evening after her shifts at the Illinois Movie Theatre; the two married on August 1, 1948, and enjoyed a devoted marriage that blessed them with two children, Ernest “Joe” Stonecipher III in 1950 and Christie Stonecipher Cistola in 1955. She attended McMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois in 1948, and throughout her life she exemplified creativity, determination, and resilience, surviving polio as a young adult and colon cancer as a senior. She was an exceptionally talented seamstress who crafted coats, formal gowns, and fashionable clothing, and she lovingly kept the statistics for every baseball game played by her family. A brilliant and dedicated bridge player, she often belonged to four clubs at once, and professionally she served with distinction as Buyer and Manager for Ritchie’s – Gifts of Distinction. She and her husband were longtime members of First Baptist Church in Centralia, where

they built deep spiritual roots and friendships. In 2019 she moved to Murray, Kentucky, where she resided in assisted living and remained surrounded by her loving family.

She is preceded in life by her parents; her half-sisters, Wayven Abernathy, Bertha Mae Chrisman Roe, and Lucille Martha Chrisman Ghent.

She leaves behind a legacy of unwavering love and thoughtfulness, especially evident in her lifelong tradition of sending cards to every grandchild and great-grandchild for every holiday and birthday. She is survived by her children, Ernest "Joe" Stonecipher III and wife Dana of Murray, KY and Christie Stonecipher Cistola of Centralia, IL; her grandchildren, Sean (Stacey) Stonecipher of Sedalia, KY, Shea (Scott) Lowe of Murray, KY, Kacee (Landon) Barrow of Murray, KY, Andrew Stonecipher Cistola of Gainesville, FL, and Nicholas (Amanda) Stonecipher Cistola of Fort Collins, CO; and her great-grandchildren, Chase Stonecipher of Sedalia, KY, Sayde Lowe of Murray, KY, Saylor Lowe of Murray, KY, Brylee Barrow of Murray, KY, Layla Barrow of Murray, KY, Adalynn Barrow of Murray, KY, Frankie Love Cistola of Gainesville, FL, Kimber Cistola of Ft. Collins, CO, and Rylan Cistola of Ft. Collins, CO. Her life was marked by grace, strength, kindness, and a deep devotion to her family, and she will be remembered always for the love she gave so freely and the joy she brought to all who knew her. Her family has selected a cherished photograph from her high school years for use in remembrance.

A graveside service will be held at 12:00 p.m., on Sunday, December 14, 2025, at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Centralia, Illinois.

Online condolences can be made at, www.jhchurchill.com

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC **14**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Hillcrest Memorial Park
2500 Old Highway 51 North
Sandoval, IL 62882

Tribute Wall

KA

“ Christie, my sympathy to Joey & your families in the passing of your mother.
Nadine served with Mary Ann Miller as our TriChi sponsor for our 4 years in High school.
She mentored the need to volunteer and be involved in our communities.
I also worked with Nadine at Ritchie’s Camera & Gift store. She took supreme pride in selecting quality inventory & enjoyed displaying it with class. I remember your families’ love of completing jigsaw puzzles. I hope you have a favorite one framed.
May she rest in peace. Karen Chianakas

Karen - December 13, 2025 at 11:41 PM

JP

“ Jan Poehler lit a candle in memory of Nadine Stonecipher



Jan Poehler - December 11, 2025 at 07:24 PM

JB

“ Steve and I would like to extend our condolences at the passing of such a lovely lady. We remember fondly. Steve and June (Large) Bryan

June Bryan - December 10, 2025 at 12:35 PM

MH

“ *Nadine and Joe were indeed a special couple. My Uncle and Aunt John and Vivian Connaway thought so much of them and were special friends back in high school. I had heard many funny stories. My sympathy to all.*

Mary Jane Hardy - December 09, 2025 at 10:20 PM