



Cleo L. "Ginger" Henderson

April 19, 1922 - January 21, 2024

Cleo L. "Ginger" Henderson, age 101 of Highland, IL, died Sunday, January 21, 2024, at Staunton Health & Rehab, Staunton, IL.

She was born on Wednesday, April 19, 1922, in Dysart, IA, the daughter of Fred and Hattie (nee Laws) Meyer.

On Saturday, December 28, 1946, she married Roland Joseph Henderson, at Tijuana, Mexico.

Ginger was born in Dysart, Iowa on April 19, 1922. Her family moved to Missouri when she was a year old. They moved to Illinois (Metro St. Louis area) when she was 6. At 14, she and her family moved to East St. Louis. As a young woman, she worked as a photographer at Evergreen Gardens in Collinsville, IL; later, at Rugger's on the Hill in St. Louis; then at Edmond's Seafood Restaurant in South St. Louis. At age 21, she went to work during WWII at McDonnell Aircraft as an assembler/riveter until the war ended in 1945. She worked for the National Publishing Company until she married in 1946. She spent the next 24 years as a housewife and mother, raising her six children. In 1972, she moved to Highland, working 4 1/2 years at Kuhnen Hardware, and then at Pamida store, both in Highland, IL, retiring in 1984. Ginger enjoyed traveling, square dancing, and singing with a senior group, but her passion was canvas painting. She completed over 50 paintings that she

shared with family and friends. She moved to Faith Countryside Apartments in 2006 and enjoyed a long peaceful life with many happy memories. She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Survivors include:

Son - David C. (Karen) Henderson, Webster Grove, MO

Daughter - Janet M . Henderson, Highland, IL

Son - Mark A. (Terry) Henderson, Waterloo, IL

Daughter - Mary S. (Rick) Ammann, Highland, IL

Son - Joseph B. (Denise) Henderson, Gulf Breeze, FL

Brother - Fred (Ann) Meyer, Wellsville, KS

Grandchild - Cherie M. Clendenen

Grandchild - Jeremy M. (Spouse-Kim) Kirsch

Grandchild - Crystal (Spouse-Chris Pete) Kirsch

Grandchild - Sam Henderson

Grandchild - Connor Henderson

Grandchild - Elizabeth Henderson

Grandchild - Scott J. (Spouse-Morgan Le Gall) Ammann

Grandchild - Michael J.(Spouse-Amber) Ammann

Grandchild - Joseph B. (Spouse-Randi) Henderson II

Grandchild - Ryan Henderson

Great Grandchild - Jenna Clendenen

Great Grandchild - Lauren Clendenen

Great Grandchild - Avery Henderson

Great Grandchild - Jack Henderson.

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Fred Meyer - Died 1964

Mother - Hattie Meyer, nee Laws - Died 1983

Ex-Husband - Roland Joseph Henderson, Married 12/28/46-divorced 1972-
Died 2008

Daughter - Linda C. Henderson - Died 12/27/2017
Brother - Ernest Meyer - Died 1991
Sister - Kathy Watkins - Died 2002
Sister - Marion Demboski - Died 12/30/2017
Sister - Margaret McAllister-Schipp - Died 5/21/2022
Brother - Allen Meyer - Died 1927
Sister - Ruth Meyer - Died 1917
Sister - Doris Moore - Died 1991
Brother - Charles Meyer - Died 2003
Special Friend - Wallace M. Backus - Died 8/15/1987.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Private Funeral Service will be at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Interment will be at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Highland Lions' Club.

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cleo L. "Ginger" Henderson.*



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“ *Ginger, I didn't have the privilege of knowing you but thank you for being a local Rosie the Riveter and helping defeat evil. RIP*

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