



## Laurene L. Riggs

November 22, 1927 - August 4, 2020

Laurene L. Riggs, age 92, formerly of Highland, IL died Tuesday, August 04, 2020, at Westminster Assisted Living in Clarksville, IN.

She was born on November 22, 1927, in Grantfork, IL, the daughter of Charles and Milda (nee Steiner) Casper.

On August 19, 1948, she married Rev. John C. Riggs at Highland, IL. He passed away on February 05, 2011.

She was a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ.

Laurene was born at home in Grantfork, IL. She graduated Highland High School in 1945. She worked as a secretary at CJ Hug Company. After her marriage, she and her husband, John, moved to Elmhurst, IL while John attended Elmhurst College. After his graduation they moved to Webster Grove, MO while John attended Eden Seminary. While there she worked as a secretary at Webster Grove Schools and as a Teachers Aid. After her husband graduated, they served many churches in Iowa, Chicago, Mascoutah, and North Aurora. Laurene kept busy raising their 5 children. She was active in the churches they served, being part of the Women's Guild at those churches. In 1970 she earned a Teaching Certificate from Belleville Junior College and she worked as a Substitute Teacher. She and her husband

were involved with United Marriage Encounter and traveled extensively attending meetings and interacting with couples for marriage counseling. After retirement from ministry, they moved to rural Carlyle, IL and entertained their children and families for 13 years. Then they moved to Highland and enjoyed being with their ancestral families and friends. One of Laurene's past times was quilting and knitting.

Survivors include :

Son - John C. (Lori) Riggs, Jeffersonville, IN

Son - Dr. Paul A. (Mary) Riggs, Oskaloosa, IA

Daughter - Diann L. (Rev. Dan) Gute, Calumet City, IL

Son - David L. (April) Riggs, Amarillo, TX

Son - Daniel C. Riggs, North Aurora, IL

Grandchild - Ben (Carly) Riggs

Grandchild - Amanda Carlisle

Grandchild - Wesley (Romina) Riggs

Grandchild - Luther (Ashley) Riggs

Grandchild - Zachary (Bryn) Riggs

Grandchild - Aaron (Maggie) Riggs

Grandchild - Sarah (Tim) Taylor

Grandchild - Derek (Erin) Gute

Grandchild - Melinda (Arden) DeCuir

Grandchild - Jessica (John) McMeans

Grandchild - Nick (Taylor) Riggs

Grandchild - Jacob Riggs

Grandchild - Allison Riggs

Grandchild - Ava Riggs

Great Grandchild - Tate Riggs

Great Grandchild - Finn Riggs

Great Grandchild - Sutter Riggs

Great Grandchild - Piper Gute

Great Grandchild - Vera Gute  
Great Grandchild - Reuben Gute  
Great Grandchild - Levi Carlisle  
Great Grandchild - Logan Carlisle  
Great Grandchild - Myles Gute  
Great Grandchild - Cassidy McMeans  
Great Grandchild - Avery Riggs  
Great Grandchild - Titus Taylor  
Great Grandchild - Grant Riggs  
Sister - Betty M. Tschannen, Highland, IL  
Sister - Eunice (Dr. Arlo) Landolt, Baton Rouge, LA

She was preceded in death by :

Father - Charles C. Casper  
Mother - Milda A. Casper, nee Steiner  
Husband - Rev. John C. Riggs - Died 2/05/2011  
Sister - Esther H. Baumann - Died 8/31/2011  
Sister - Ruth M. Steiner - Died 1/25/2016  
Sister - Leona M. Iberg - Died 12/30/1979

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

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 10:45 AM on Saturday, August 08, 2020, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Private funeral service will be at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL, with Rev. Eric Quinney-Burnard officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland or Union Congregational Church in North Aurora, IL.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laurene L. Riggs.*



August 07, 2020 at 03:06 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Laurene L. Riggs.*



August 06, 2020 at 07:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laurene L. Riggs.*



August 06, 2020 at 05:36 PM



“ *I was named after Laurie. My parents were very close with John and Laurie and I have such wonderful childhood memories of the five families camping together for numerous years. We were all like family to each other. Laurie was so gentle and kind and loved her family dearly. She will always be in my heart.*

**Laurie Bauch Giebink** - August 06, 2020 at 03:31 PM

LH

“ *What a very special lady! Her ministry was often served on the lovely back porch of the parsonage, just a few steps away from the church! Many happy moments spent with Mrs. Riggs!*

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**Lynnette Welch Hinkle** - August 06, 2020 at 02:42 PM

JB

“ *I'm sad to hear of the passing of your mom. I only have good memories of your mom. St John in Mascoutah played such a big part of growing up in my family. May the Lord comfort you in your time is grief. June Grab Benedick*

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**June Grab Benedick** - August 06, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Laurene L. Riggs.*



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August 05, 2020 at 04:04 PM

MS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Mary Smith-Riggs** - August 05, 2020 at 01:32 AM

RR

“ *Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of  
Laurene L. Riggs*



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**Rita Rinderer** - August 04, 2020 at 10:14 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased  
for the family of Laurene L. Riggs.*



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August 04, 2020 at 06:58 PM