



Rosemary Neathery

November 11, 1931 - September 25, 2024

Rosemary Neathery, passed away peacefully on, Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at age 92.

She was born in Ottumwa, Iowa. She graduated from Ottumwa High School in 1949 and later graduated from Greenville College in Greenville, IL in 1953. She received her Master's Degree in Business Education in 1966 from Southern Illinois University. While at Greenville College, she met her husband, Rolland "Cot" Neathery and raised two children together, Vicki (Robert) Vik of Bluffton, SC and Karen (Dave) Fellows of Freeburg, IL. She and her husband were married in 1955. Rosemary retired from Highland High School, in 1986, after teaching for 31 years. Her most enjoyable times were those spent with family and friends traveling together, camping and backyard barbecues. She also enjoyed golf, Bridge and wintering in Ft. Myers, FL for 30 years.

She was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL and the VFW Post 5694-Auxiliary, Highland, IL

Survivors include:

Daughter - Vicki L. (Robert) Vik, Bluffton, SC

Daughter - Karen D. (David) Fellows, Freeburg, IL

Grandchild - Ashley N. (Zach) Adrian, Freeburg, IL

Grandchild - Tyler M. (Melissa) Fellows, Freeburg, IL

Great Grandchild - Olivia L. Fellows, Freeburg, IL

Great Grandchild - Ava G. Fellows, Freeburg, IL

Great Grandchild - Lilia R. Adrian, Freeburg, IL.

She was preceded in death by:

Father - C. Glen Hull - Died 1976

Mother - DeElda L. Hull, nee Davidson - Died 1986

Husband - Rolland "Cotton" H. Neathery - Died 3/26/1998

Brother - Robert G. Hull - Died 1/20/2022.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice.

Rosemary's wishes were to have no services.

Tribute Wall

SW

“ I have meaningful, early memories of Mrs. Neathery. Rosemary, “Cotton”, and my parents (Sam and Marilyn White) were personally and professionally intertwined. Mom and Rosemary were teaching colleagues as the business teachers at Wesclin High School. This was the beginning of my mom’s career and, therefore, she would, I’m sure, have considered Rosemary a mentor. My mom became the faculty advisor for the yearbook and, as such, was probably Rosemary’s successor in the role. They commuted to Carbondale together for classes toward masters degrees. My dad and “Cot” were colleagues in the Highland school district. At least, mom and Rosemary (with a strong possibility of all four) played Bridge together. Mrs Neathery was a shepard as my parental teacher at HHS. I know well and will always remember: her place in our lives, her ability to sincerely contribute to others, a playful manner, and her distinctive voice regularly punctuated with the same laughter.

Godspeed through eternity, Mrs. Neathery.

Stephen White

Stephen White - July 01, 2025 at 08:39 PM

CM

“ Karen and Vicki,
I was sad to see of your mother's passing. She was always a "Fun Mom" when we were hanging out in Jr High and High School. I also thought that she was a great teacher, and I enjoyed taking her classes. It was nice to reconnect with her when her apartment was next to my mom's at Cedarhurst and then to see her again in Memory Care. Although she often asked who I was, after I told her I felt that she did have some recollection of me. She would always respond, "Oh sure" and then we would usually go on to talk about the two of you. I know how hard it is to let go, but hope you find comfort from wonderful memories of her. My sympathy to you and your families.
Charla

Charla Spurgeon Meyer - October 06, 2024 at 10:45 AM

TS

“ Rosemary was such an integral part of my childhood. Good times and lots of laughter! Always a kind word and sweet smile. She will be missed.
Mike and Teri Sachs

teri sachs - September 29, 2024 at 11:28 PM

JS

“ Jan Schneider lit a candle in memory of
Rosemary Neathery



Jan Schneider - September 28, 2024 at 09:52 PM

JB

“ June Barney lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Neathery



June Barney - September 28, 2024 at 03:25 PM

JH

“ I will miss you....Jeanne Kuhn Heuberger



Jeanne Heuberger - September 28, 2024 at 12:25 PM

JH

“ Deepest sympathy to Rosemary's family. I first met Rosemary in 1962 at Wesclin Senior High School where she was the Yearbook Advisor and I was a Senior Co-Editor. She gave good advise on photo choices and descriptions of the activities. After graduation in 1963, she moved on to Highland High School and I left for college. We re-connect many years later through "friends in common" and our enjoyment of playing bridge. She was fun to be around and I will miss her.



Jeanne Heuberger - September 28, 2024 at 12:23 PM

JH

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Jeanne Heuberger - September 28, 2024 at 12:16 PM

DR

“ *We had such fun together playing golf and bridge. She was my commerce teacher and choral director. My condolences to the family.*

draper - September 28, 2024 at 11:18 AM

SF

“ *Vicki and Karen*
My sincere condolences on the loss of your mother. From being her student, to colleague, neighbor, and friend, Rosemary was a wonderful person. Great teacher and we shared many memories and fun times. Never a dull moment! May your memories give you peace.

Sherry Fletcher - September 28, 2024 at 09:40 AM

JL

“ *Many of us knew her as our teacher...I had her as my teacher and home room teacher. I have many fond memories of her, usually quieting me down and inspiring me forward. I also enjoyed running into her at the Country Club. Jan Lang*

Janet Lang - September 28, 2024 at 07:02 AM

RR

“ *Rita RINDERER lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Neathery*



Rita RINDERER - September 27, 2024 at 11:08 PM

PB

“ *I always loved Mrs. Neathery. She was my high school business teacher. She was soft spoken and kind and a true blessing to me while I was in high school. My sincerest sympathy to the family. Pastor Nancy (Grotefendt) Brooks*

Pastor Nancy Grotefendt Brooks - September 27, 2024 at 05:08 PM

CS

“ *Dear Vicki, Karen, and family, I'm saddened to hear of your mom's passing. I always enjoyed her classes and fondly respected her. May you all be comforted with the Lord's love and may He give you strength. Hope you are both well. Hugs to all. Cherie (Steiner) and Ed Sievers*

Cherie Sievets - September 27, 2024 at 03:44 PM