



Lorraine Emily Rigsby

November 23, 1921 - July 11, 2022

Lorraine Emily Rigsby, daughter of the late Gary Andrew Lemon and Irma M. (Koehler) Lemon, was born November 23, 1921 in St. Louis, Missouri and passed away Monday, July 11, 2022 in her home having attained the age of 100 years.

As a young girl, Lorraine grew up in the St. Louis area and graduated from Cleveland High School. During her high school years, she was a member of several organizations which included: Cleveland High School Sharpshooters, Girl Fencers, Drum and Bugle Corps, Bicycle Club, and Photography Club.

On December 23, 1941, Lorraine was united in marriage to Elmer Crismon Rigsby and they shared many wonderful years together before he preceded her in death. They were blessed with six children: Christine, Lorel, Bud, Kathy, Merrie, and Gordon.

Lorraine took great pride in helping to provide for her family. She began working as a school cook when her youngest child started school. In two years, she moved to a secretarial position with the Waynesville R-VI School District and after 26 years of service, she retired in 1987.

Over the years, Lorraine became active in many organizations. She was an office for the local and state School Secretary Associations, a Boy and Girl

Scout leader, USO, Order of the Eastern Star, United Methodist Women, Pulaski County Historical Society (which she co-authored the first volumes of the "The History of Pulaski County", Genealogy Society, Pulaski County Garden Club and two others, Friends of the Library, Route 66 Organization, Pulaski Country Armed Services YMCA (Civilian Volunteer Leader of the Year), and was nominated three times for the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award.

One thing Lorraine loved to do the most was to travel, either to visit her children or with friends. Her first trip off the mainland was to Hawaii and then came Great Britain, Ireland, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Australia, and New Zealand.

Lorraine leaves to cherish her memory, six children: Chris Rowell (Willie) of Waynesville, MO, Lorel Gaffner (Gary) of Wildwood, MO, Bud Rigsby of Waynesville, MO, Kathy Brinson of Atlanta, GA, Merrie Christensen of Carson City, NV, and Gordon Rigsby (Cherie) of Crocker, MO; seventeen grandchildren; twenty-nine great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; other relatives, and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Lorraine was preceded in death by two sons-in-law: Jay Brinson and Jack Christensen; and one grandson: Andrew Brinson.

She will be greatly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Lorraine Rigsby to charity of the donor's choice and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert.

Cemetery Details

Waynesville Memorial Park

Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Funeral Service

JUL 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Lorraine Emily Rigsby*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - July 18, 2022 at 05:41 PM

MS

“ *I will miss her and think of her often with love.*



Marge Scott - November 20, 2024 at 09:08 PM



“ *Lorraine Emily Rigsby*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

JK

“ *I will miss you Lorraine. Thank you for always making me feel welcome in your home and family.*

Jim

jim kambeitz - July 19, 2022 at 11:08 AM



“ 147 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - July 18, 2022 at 08:21 AM

LH

“ We were blessed to have Lorraine in our community. She was a special lady and will be missed. Luge

Luge Hardman - July 17, 2022 at 10:41 PM

DD

“ I was lucky to know your mother, grandmother, and family all my life. She was a sweetheart and a beautiful lady.

David Dodds - July 16, 2022 at 09:09 PM

HB

“ Thanks for being the mother to the entire class of '66. Rest in peace

Herbert Walter Bruse - July 16, 2022 at 07:57 AM



“ *Debby Myers sent a virtual gift in memory of Lorraine Emily Rigsby*



Debby Myers - July 15, 2022 at 06:58 PM

LR

“ *Linda Renno(Anderson) lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Emily Rigsby*



Linda Renno(Anderson) - July 15, 2022 at 11:59 AM

MS

“ *Marge Scott lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Emily Rigsby*



Marge Scott - July 14, 2022 at 11:16 PM

DM

“ *Debra Turner McNall lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Emily Rigsby*



Debra Turner McNall - July 14, 2022 at 03:02 PM

JT

“ Always a beautiful woman in every way.
Wonderful to work with. Lorraine will be missed
by all those fortunate enough to know her. My
sympathy to all her family and friends.



Janis Thompson - July 13, 2022 at 11:40 PM

HB

“ Harold&Brigitte Burleson lit a candle in
memory of Lorraine Emily Rigsby



Harold&Brigitte Burleson - July 13, 2022 at 11:28 PM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in
memory of Lorraine Emily Rigsby



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - July 13, 2022 at 11:27 PM

CD

“ A great lady! Our sympathies to all her family
and many friends.



Cornelia & Robert Dodds - July 13, 2022 at 09:57 PM

BA

“ *Bill Anderson lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Emily Rigsby*



Bill Anderson - July 13, 2022 at 05:52 PM

SD

“ *My deepest sympathy to all the Rigsby Children and family. She was a wonderful woman and will be missed by all who knew and loved her. I will miss all our fun talks.*



Sheila Debo - July 13, 2022 at 11:43 AM

SD

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of the Rigsby children and family. She was a wonderful woman and will be missed by all who knew and loved her. I will never forget her and our fun talks.*



Sheila Debo - July 13, 2022 at 11:38 AM

MH

“ *Mary Haas lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Emily Rigsby*



Mary Haas - July 13, 2022 at 11:35 AM

PC

“ Pamela Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of
Lorraine Emily Rigsby



Pamela Cox - July 12, 2022 at 08:18 PM

BF

“ Bill Farnham lit a candle in memory of
Lorraine Emily Rigsby



Bill Farnham - July 12, 2022 at 08:04 PM

CE

“ Cindy Emory lit a candle in memory of
Lorraine Emily Rigsby



Cindy Emory - July 12, 2022 at 05:24 PM