



## Agnes Leona Gresen

March 5, 1915 - May 29, 2020

Agnes Leona (Saathoff) Gresen passed away at 105, on May 29, 2020. Born March 5, 1915 in Danforth, IL, she was the daughter of the late John and (Kate Henrichs) Saathoff. She was a former fountain manager at the Woolworth store in Kankakee and was a volunteer at Riverside Gift Shop for 17 years. She belonged to the Riverside Auxiliary, Senior Care at Provena Hospital, Senior Advantage at Riverside Hospital, Bradley Bourbonnais Seniors (life-time member) and Women of the Moose. She was also a member of the Bradley Bourbonnais Park District where she went every Monday to have dinner and play Bingo with her friends. She enjoyed making quilts and dancing. Agnes enjoyed a monthly lunch with her niece, Carol and close friends, Vivian, Velma, and Annie. She was a long-time member of the American Lutheran Church in Bourbonnais. Surviving are a niece, Phyllis Dieken, along with many other nieces and nephews; dear friends, Sandy Hayes and Barbara Shelby, who were always there for her; and her beloved companion, Toby. Agnes is preceded in death by her parents; five sisters, Bertha, Helen, Eloise, Barbara, and Ruth Ann; and five brothers, Ed, Elmer, Alvin, Herman, and Melvin Saathoff.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at Danforth Lutheran Cemetery in Danforth. Friends are welcome to join the immediate family. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we ask that you respect social distancing guidelines and remain in or near your vehicles at the cemetery.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, memorials may be made to the River Valley Animal Rescue; 3960 North Vincennes Trail, Momence, IL 60954.

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## Danforth Cemetery

Danforth, IL,

# Events

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**JUN** **Graveside Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ I miss you, Aunt Agnes. How I enjoyed our phone conversations, which always ended with "I love you, Joanie". You were the only person who still called me "Joanie." You were quite the lady! It always amazed me that when talking with you, a person would never had known that you were 105 years old. You were my last connection to Mom. I loved you, too. Joan (Henrichs) Schluiep

**Joan Schluiep** - June 16, 2020 at 08:26 AM

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“ Agnes was very blessed with so much love in her life. She was my (Kristy) grandmother's boss at Woolworth and a member of the same church. We looked forward to seeing her on Sunday mornings and her lovely outfits with matching jewelry. What a beautiful person inside and out. We were honored to host her birthdays during church coffee hour. We will miss you, Agnes! Rest in Peace Sweet Angel.

**Bill and Kristy Cowie** - June 07, 2020 at 11:14 AM

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“ I'm so glad I was able to talk with Agnes on the phone just a few days before her death. She sounded strong and as optimistic as usual. I have known Agnes since we both worked at W. D. Gousset Sales in 1959! We have kept in touch over the years and were always reminiscing about days gone by. I loved Agnes and will never forget her indomitable spirit. I'm so glad I was able to tell her "I love you", that one last time.

A classic "Agnes" memory: Agnes told me several years ago that as she was out in her front yard (when she still lived on Evergreen Lane) raking leaves, her neighbor came over to ask why she was doing the raking. Agnes, around 100 years old, said the neighbor said, "You could drop over dead while doing that!" To which Agnes replied, "Wouldn't that be wonderful" She is Heaven's gain!

**Barbra Hartness** - June 06, 2020 at 07:52 PM

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“ Agnes practicing for her spot on the ABC news. She was so excited to do it.



**Brian Miller** - June 04, 2020 at 08:56 AM

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“ Agnes & Toby



**Brian Miller** - June 04, 2020 at 08:52 AM

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“ My name is Agnes Gresen and I'm going on 106 !

Some like it hot, some like it cold, some like it in a pot 9 days old !

In a little bit chicken sh\*t !

And my favorite which is so true.

" You come into this world with nothing and you leave with nothing" !

Where's Toby ? Agnes he's right next to you !

**Brian Miller** - June 04, 2020 at 08:46 AM

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“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



**Brian Miller** - June 04, 2020 at 08:11 AM