



## Joyce Barbara Holland Meier

September 22, 1924 - February 23, 2022

Joyce Barbara Holland Meier, age 97, of Kankakee passed on to God on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 in Long Grove. She was born September 22, 1924 in Pueblo, CO, the daughter of Irvin Carlyle & Hazel (McMahon) Holland. Joyce grew up in Coffeyville, KS. She was educated at Coffeyville Junior College and Texas Woman's College.

Joyce was a devoted wife, mother, homemaker, grandma, and friend who served her family, friends, neighbors, church family, and community in countless ways, including her volunteer work for the American Red Cross and Riverside Medical Center. She enjoyed reading, playing duplicate bridge with her circle of lifelong friends, as well as playing golf, tennis, and games of all kinds.

As a 21-year-old in Coffeyville, KS, she learned to pilot small planes and met her future husband, Gordon Meier, as he was plucked from the University of Illinois School of Engineering to train for Army flight service during World War II. After the war, they returned to the University of Illinois to complete Gordy's degree.

Gordy and Joyce made their home in Gordy's hometown of St. Anne and nearby Kankakee, the sites of the family businesses: Eastern Illinois Clay, Kankakee Clay Products, and the National Bank of St. Anne. Joyce supported the businesses in many ways.

Surviving are one daughter, Deborah Ann Meier Gledhill and her husband Thomas of Barrington; four grandchildren, Christopher Gordon Gledhill of

Fremont, CA, Patrick Emerson & Alpha Gledhill of Morrison, CO, Elizabeth Gledhill Fessler & her husband, Dr. David Fessler of Chicago, Jamie Fraenhoffer Clausen & her husband, John of Champaign; two great-grandsons, Jack Clausen and Max Clausen and a third great-grandson who is expected by Elizabeth & David Fessler in April 2022; friend, John Geldhill; and several nieces. Joyce is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gordon Glenn Meier; one daughter, Elizabeth Meier Fraenhoffer; two sisters, Jeanne Smith and Loy Lindsay; and one brother, Jack Holland.

A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2022 at St. Anne Township Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made for MS Research at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Anne Township Cemetery

South Route 1  
St. Anne, IL 60964  
(815) 427-8346

# Previous Events

## Inurnment

**MAR 25.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Deepest sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your mother, grandmother and great grandmother. I met Joyce after I retired from the work world and played tennis with her in a group of women at the Racquet Club. She, then, invited me to join she and Reva Small and Sally Benoit for the game of golf as I was a beginning golfer. I so enjoyed being with her as she always had that twinkle in her eyes when she and the others so willingly took my money. She was a joy to be with and we had fun!

*Most sincerely, Dorothy M. Griswold*

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**Dorothy M. Griswold** - March 24, 2022 at 06:48 PM



“ Gold Rush Chocolate Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce Barbara Holland Meier.



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