



## Obituary

**Born:** Tuesday, June 21, 1927

**Died:** Saturday, March 21, 2020

Rosemary Goodin Clark, age 92, of rural Pittsfield, IL passed away on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at her residence. She was born on June 21, 1927 in Pittsfield, IL to Frank Estill and Mary Elizabeth Jeans Goodin. She married Wayne Robert "Bob" Clark on June 9, 1946 and he preceded her in death on September 18, 2010.

Rosemary was a hardworking, innovative and highly skilled farmer and homemaker. She was a devoted and loving wife, an exceptional mother, a doting daughter, a fun loving and always supportive sister, and a wise and dedicated mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother, great-great grandmother, aunt, and cousin. Rosemary was a compassionate and always available mentor to numerous young women in the community who she thought of as her daughters. She was very active in her church and community, and a true believer that "The only person you can change is you, so love and accept others as they are."

## Service Summary

### Private Services

Location: - *Not available* -

Rosemary was a proud and dedicated member of the First Christian Church of Pittsfield where she was selected as the 1990 Woman of the Year. She served her Lord and church as Deaconess, Elder, Sunday School teacher, as well as a leader and participant in the Christian Woman Fellowship, Circle 5, kitchen volunteer at the Crossroads Center, and volunteer on the Funeral Dinner Committee. Rosemary was selected as 1998 Pike County Soil and Water Conservation Farmers of the Year with her husband. She served on the Illini Community Hospital Board of Directors and the Farm and Home Administration Advisory Board. She also served as Hardin Township Election Judge and polling station worker, and was a proud member of the Farmer's Union, The National Farmers Union, and the Democrat Party.

A staunch adherent of Abraham Lincoln's maxim "it's not the years in your life that count – it's the life in your years," Rosemary travelled broadly throughout the continental United States and Alaska, and to Egypt and the Holy Lands of Israel. She loved to congregate with friends and family, host large dinners, dance at Dance Club gatherings, and play Pinochle and Dominoes with the Country Couples and Line Club. She also found joy and communion with the birds that surrounded her home.

She is survived by her two sons, Robert Estill (Shari) Clark of Pittsfield, IL and Richard Wayne Clark of San Anselmo, CA; seven grandchildren, Cathlyn Susan Clark, Christopher Calvin Clark, Dayle McKay, Jason (Dawn) McKay, Erin McKay-White, Bret (Deanna) Ruff, and Jake Jacobson; and numerous great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Robert “Bob” Clark; her parents, Estill and Mary Goodin; sisters, Dorothy and Ada Jean; and various aunts and uncles. Funeral services will be held privately and interment will be at Goodin Cemetery near Pittsfield. Memorials are suggested to be made to the First Christian Church. Online condolences may be left to the family at [www.nieburfh.com](http://www.nieburfh.com). Niebur Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Charitable donations may be made in Rosemary's memory to the following organization:

**First Christian Church**  
225 N. Memorial, Pittsfield, IL 62363