



Joyce C Secrease

September 12, 1933 - June 15, 2019

Joyce Carol Secrease, 85 years of Columbia, IL, passed away on June 15, 2019 at Mercy Hospital South, St. Louis, MO. She was born September 12, 1933, in St. Louis, MO. She was married to the late George Secrease. He passed away May 7, 1997.

Joyce had been employed as the office manager for Airtherm, St. Louis, MO, later she and her husband had operated an alarm/security company. She was a longtime resident of Columbia, IL, being one of the first residents to build a contemporary ranch home on Mule road. She was also instrumental in securing county water service into her residential area. She will always be remembered for: Her independence and feistiness, which allowed her to live by herself for the last 21 years (since her husband's death); Her love of decorating for each season of the year, especially Christmas. She literally lit up the neighborhood; working outside and take care of her flower beds, tomato garden and shrubs/trees; She was an avid longtime donor to many charities and a significant contributor to St. Elizabeth Hospital in Belleville, IL; Her position on many controversial subjects. You never had to guess where she stood (no weasel wording or soft shoeing); Her pride of being a member of the local sheriff's department; Her love of her Belgian Shepard named Gretchen.

Surviving are her nephews, Michael Secrease, Randy (Michelle) Clippard, and

Charles Scott Clippard; nieces, Mary Secrease, Janet Gilda and Nancy Rallo; brother-in-law, Earl Buescher, Jr.; special friend, Chris Neumann; cousin, Tom Hanratty; along with other relatives and friends.

She was also preceded in death by parents, William and Lorraine, nee White, Haverkost; sisters, Audrey Buescher, and Fern Helge; nephew, Mark Secrease.

Visitation will be Tuesday, June 25, 2019, 10:00 am - 11:00 am, at Lawlor Funeral Home, Columbia, IL. Funeral Services will be held Tuesday June 25, 2019, 11:00 am, at the funeral home, with Fr. Carl Scherrer officiating. Interment will follow in the Bellerive Gardens Cemetery, St. Louis, MO.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to: American Heart Association, 460 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO, 63141, or St. Elizabeth Hospital, 1 St. Elizabeth's Blvd., O Fallon, IL, 62269 . For more information, please access our website, www.leesmanfuneralhome.com. Lawlor Funeral Home, Columbia, IL, handled arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Bellerive Gardens Cemetery

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