



Antoinette Clare "Nettie" Nenninger

July 18, 1921 - November 19, 2015

Antoinette Clare O'Dowd Nenninger was born in New Orleans, LA on July 18, 1921 to Agnes McCarthy O'Dowd and John E. O'Dowd . She passed away on Nov. 19, 2015 at the Tennessee State Veterans Home in Murfreesboro TN. "Nettie" attended Holy Angels Academy in New Orleans and Hotel Dieu School of Nursing, graduating in 1942. After graduation, she joined the US Army, achieving the rank of Second Lieutenant.

Nettie met her future husband, Lt. Clyde C. Nenninger, while both were stationed in New Orleans, and they married on Jan. 31. 1944. After being discharged from the Army, the couple moved to Cape Girardeau, MO, then eventually to Portageville, MO, where they remained until 1958. At that time, they returned to Cape.

Nettie was employed as a Registered Nurse at Saint Francis Medical Center from 1959 until her retirement in 1987, at which time she held the title of Director of Surgery. She held various Head Nurse positions throughout her employment, and received the honor of being named SFMC Employee of the Year.

After the death of her husband in 1988, Nettie moved to Lewisville, TX, where she was very involved in volunteering at Christian Community Action. There she initiated a medication program for those in need, receiving an award for

her efforts. In 2009, Nettie moved to Tennessee. She was appointed a Goodwill Ambassador at the Retirement Centers where she lived in Texas and Tennessee. As her health declined she moved to the Veteran's Home in Murfreesboro. The staff there provided wonderful care for Nettie, who was a beloved resident, bringing smiles to so many with her antics, laughter and always loving ways.

Nettie was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde, her parents, and brothers Charles Lily, Jack O'Dowd and her twin brother George O'Dowd. She is survived by one sister, Beverly Donner of Ruston, LA. Nettie is also survived by her children: Clyde C. Nenninger (Celeste) of Cape Girardeau; Suzanne Bair (David) of Hendersonville, TN; Rebecca Martin (Steve) of Flower Mound, TX and Mary Beth Bradshaw (Patrick) of Hendersonville, TN. Nettie was extremely proud of her 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Pall Bearers will be Nettie's 6 grandsons.

Visitation is to be held at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel, Monday, Nov. 23 from 5-8pm, with Parish Prayers and Rosary at 7pm. The Funeral Mass will be at St. Mary's Cathedral Tuesday at 10am with the Rev. Allen Saunders officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery with full Military Honors by the Missouri Honor Team.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be given to Saint Francis Medical Center Foundation or The Tennessee State Veteran's Home, 345 Compton Rd. Murfreesboro TN. 37130 as they were both so dear to Nettie's heart.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

1101 Perry Avenue
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 23. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Parish Prayers

NOV 23. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Rosary

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Funeral Mass

NOV **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Cathedral
615 William St.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Tribute Wall

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“ NETTIE WAS A WONDERFUL PERSON . FRIEND . SHE WAS MY SUPERVISOR DURING SOME OF MY SERVICES AS AN R.N. @ SFMC. CAROLYN KINDER R.N.

CAROLYN KINDER RN - November 27, 2015 at 01:38 PM

MF

“ Mary Beth wanted you to know that I am thinking of you and your family and keeping you in my prayers. I have very fond memories of your mom and all the great times we had on Sprigg Street. Mary (Retherford) Freeman

Mary Freeman - November 24, 2015 at 09:01 AM

TN

“ Clyde I wanted you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers.
Timothy H. Nenninger

Timothy Henry Nenninger - November 23, 2015 at 06:45 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Antoinette Clare "Nettie" Nenninger.



November 23, 2015 at 10:35 AM

ME

“ I remember the many wonderful fun times at Hidden Valley with Miss Nettie & Clyde, my aunt & uncle - Mary & Red Ziegler & of course my parents, Marvin & Opal Nenninger & my husband, Don, playing cards & laughing. Good times. So sorry for your loss - we are out of town all week with our family or I would definitely be there.

Mary Sue Emmons - November 22, 2015 at 08:57 PM