



Nina Jane Baird

January 8, 1927 - June 10, 2019

Nina Jane Baird, age 92, of Edwardsville, Illinois, passed away at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 10, 2019, at Eden Village Care Center in Glen Carbon. She was born January 8, 1927, in St. Louis, the daughter of the late Joseph N. & Nina M. (Martin) Heady. Nina married Everett T. "Doc" Baird on April 26, 1946, in the St. Mary's Catholic Church rectory. He preceded her in death on January 18, 1975. Doc and Nina owned and operated Midwest Foundry Supply in Edwardsville until his death. Nina then went to work for Evelyn Bowles at the Madison County Clerks office for six years. She was elected as the Edwardsville City Clerk in 1981 and held that office until her retirement in 2001. Nina is survived by her son, Thomas J. & wife Gwendolyn S. Baird of Edwardsville; three grandchildren, Matthew T.J. Baird & wife Nancy of Ramsey, Minnesota, Meredith N. Baird & husband Jeffrey McLain of Missoula, Montana, and Mitchell E. Baird of Edwardsville; four great grandchildren, Orrin, Lee, Shannon & Morgan Baird. She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Leah. She was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church in Edwardsville, Edwardsville Junior Service Club, Edwardsville Rotary Club, League of Women Voters, 50-year member of the PEO, and one of the original members of the Edwardsville Community Foundation. Nina was the recipient of many awards including the, Paul Harris Fellowship award, and the Edwardsville Chamber of Commerce Athena award. In 2005, she was one of ten women in the Metro-St. Louis area to receive the prestigious Women of Achievement Award for her contribution as an Education Activist in Edwardsville.

She will be cremated according to her wishes and a memorial visitation will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at St. Johns United Methodist Church in Edwardsville. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 14, 2019, at St. Johns, with Rev. Mary McQuilkin officiating. Burial will be in Valley View Cemetery in Edwardsville at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials to the Edwardsville High School Athletic Department.

Cemetery

Valley View Cemetery

1564 Lewis

Edwardsville, IL, 62025

Events

JUN Memorial Visitation 03:00PM - 07:00PM

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St. John's United Methodist Church

7372 Marine Road, Edwardsville, IL, US, 62025

JUN Memorial Service 11:00AM

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Comments



“ My husband, Harold McGauley, worked for the Edwardsville Park Department. His office was by the city clerk's office. He came home many times with nice things to say about Nina. He really looked up to her and admired her. I am so sorry for your loss and know that my husband would have wanted to reach out to you and your family. Please accept my condolences and may God bless your family.

Ronna Mcgauley - June 26, 2019 at 08:40 PM



“ TOM: I am so sorry to hear this. Hugs to you!!
Cindy Moore

cindy moore - June 20, 2019 at 11:26 AM



“ Tom & Family, You have my deepest sympathy and condolences. Sorry to have missed the memorial. I am housebound right now and quite distressed not to comfort you in person. I have so many memories of your mom, your grandma, and your dad. I remember, when I was almost 16, your mother tellingad were themytaking my mom she and your grandma were being treated, for Mother's Day, by your dad and you to a movie at the Wildey after brunch (I assume at Rusty's).

The movie, the name escapes me at the moment, I think it was Ryan's Daughter, it was someone's daughter. The previous summer, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, dad was going to spend the evening with the boys and dropped my and I off at a theater where this movie was playing. I had only been with mom to movies when we were all in the car at a drive-in. There were two scenes in the movie, the wedding night (mostly left to your imagination). The second was a beginning of an affair with a military officer, again, other than a very brief show of a breast, once in the tall grass, left to your imagination.

Apparently mother had a good imagination. When the first scene came and the sheets were moving, my mother inhaled an audible shriek. I was thankful no one knew us as I slid down in my seat. Ditto when I had just about reached the sitting position again, only to disappear again. So, that Mother's Day when you mother and grandma said the name of the movie, mom swallowed hard. I knew she wanted to say something, but she didn't want them to know she had seen it and she didn't know what to say there in the Fellowship Hall at church. From what I deduced later, your mom and grandma were as shocked as mom, but you and your dad weren't all that upset. I guess mom finally fessed up to seeing the movie with me. I saw quite a bit of humor.

I'm not sure if you remember this memory. In Hebrews, they talk about our cloud of witnesses. There are many I count amidst my cloud, your mother will always be one of mine. She was always sweet and kind to me. My love to you and yours

Nanette Traband - June 14, 2019 at 09:38 PM



“ Nanette Traband lit a candle in memory of Nina Jane Baird



Nanette Traband - June 14, 2019 at 08:53 PM



“ Sorry for your loss - Bruce & Carol Krome

Bruce Krome - June 14, 2019 at 02:13 PM



“ Although we were not related by blood, Nina Baird was always "Aunt Nina" to me. My memories of growing up on Grand Avenue are all the more pleasant because of this wonderful woman. My condolences to Tom and family. Rest in peace Aunt Nina.
Steve Moore

Steve Moore - June 14, 2019 at 12:34 PM



“ Steve, I grew up next door to your parents and you. What a wonderful close knit neighborhood we had. One day my sister and I waited by our 2nd floor window to dump a bucket of water on your dad when he arrived home from work. All dressed up in a suit he stood drenched and laughing. What a guy. What wonderful neighbors. Roberta Brush Mylan

Roberta Mylan - December 04, 2020 at 12:16 PM



“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



Weber & Rodney Funeral Homes - June 13, 2019 at 08:58 AM



“ Joanie and Paul Santoro and Sue and Steve Bartlett purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Nina Jane Baird.



Joanie and Paul Santoro and Sue and Steve Bartlett - June 12, 2019 at 03:31 PM



“ Tom and family - My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Sue Bertels-Giesecking

Sue Bertels-Giesecking - June 12, 2019 at 01:41 PM



“ Mark and Susan Von Nida purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Nina Jane Baird.



Mark and Susan Von Nida - June 12, 2019 at 10:43 AM



“ Worked with Nina for many years. She was a very lovely lady. Always had a smile on her face, and was ready for anything. She will be sadly missed by her friends and family. My thoughts and prayers for Nina's family.

Joyce Kress - June 12, 2019 at 08:48 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Nina Jane Baird.



June 11, 2019 at 06:19 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Sally Lucas - June 11, 2019 at 05:36 PM



“ Nina Jane's warmth and cheerfulness made every family gathering a pleasure.

Sally Lucas - June 11, 2019 at 07:37 PM



“ Nina was so approachable and friendly. She helped pave the way for many women in leadership in our community with her tenacity, perseverance and inclusiveness.

Barbara Hutton - June 12, 2019 at 10:12 AM



“ Nina was one of the only city politicians that did not act like a politician. She was a wonderful and sweet lady's that was always there to help in any way she could.

Daryel - June 13, 2019 at 07:36 AM



“ Steve & Deana lit a candle in memory of Nina Jane Baird



Steve & Deana - June 11, 2019 at 05:32 PM