



## Camillus Emma Gassen

September 30, 1934 - December 31, 2019

Camillus Emma Gassen, 85, of Fort Myers, FL passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at her residence. Formerly of Galena, IL she had been a resident of Fort Myers since 2013 moving from Savannah, GA where she resided from 1990. Camillus was born at home on September 30, 1934 in Guilford Township, IL daughter of the late Albert and Elizabeth (Koehler) Ortscheid.

Mrs. Gassen worked as a maintenance janitor started with public school system on Whitmarsh Island before working at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School on Wilmington Island, GA. Camillus also nannied for many families as young children brought her much joy. She loved spending time with her family and friends, dinner outings and especially hosting massive parties and old gang picnics. Camillus was an avid card player who also enjoyed gambling, bingo at the American Legion and cruises with her best friend Mary Agnes. She was also a faithful parishioner at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community in Fort Myers.

Survivors include her loving daughters, Peg Carroll of Fort Myers, FL, Cathy (Don) Conzett of Galena, IL; sister, Rita Soppe of Galena, IL; cherished grandchildren, Jodi, Teresa, Kristen (Joe), Sean (Megan), Adam, Josh, Scott (Tina), and Tyler; and great grandchildren, Haley, Dillon, Madelyn, Adam, Lizzie, and Wayne.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond J. Gassen; her son, Joe Gassen; her son-in-law, Jim Carroll; and siblings, Delos, Bill, Mary, Arnold, Vincent and Betty.

To help prevent the spread of Coronavirus, her Mass of Christian Burial in Galena, IL has been postponed. We will update this obituary once a new date has been established.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Camillus' name may be made to The Workshop, P.O. Box 6087, Galena, IL 61036 - [theworkssshopgalena.org](http://theworkssshopgalena.org), an organization that offers quality services to individuals with disabilities in Jo Davies County, IL or to the American Heart Association, ATTN: Houston Heart Walk, 10060 Buffalo Speedway, Houston, TX 77054.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## **St. Mary's Cemetery**

Galena, IL 61036

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Camillus Emma Gassen*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *4 files added to the album Memories Album*



**Peg Carroll** - January 11, 2020 at 11:17 PM



“ *Remembering the the time your mom and dad and us took all of you to Santa's village in Dundee. Remember the Mary White experiences with Twila*

**cousin Judy** - January 08, 2020 at 08:23 AM



*OMGOSH yes.....you, Fritz and my folks pretending to be those boys and calling our room...then we run over to the room where you parents where.....and I'll never forget the Mary White experience w Twila. Cathy and I just had some good chuckles! Thanks Judy.*

**Peg Carroll** - January 09, 2020 at 07:50 AM

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“ *My beloved Godmother.*



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**Cece Keleher** - January 08, 2020 at 07:07 AM

PC

*Great visit!*

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**Peg Carroll** - January 09, 2020 at 07:51 AM

CC

*bowling that weekend,, she told us how to get them pins down*

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**cathy konzett** - January 10, 2020 at 07:16 AM

ER

“ *Aunt Camillus holds a very special place in our hearts. The times spent at her and Uncle Ray's house are fond memories! I know I was amazed how Camillus always "knew" what we were up to! My sister, Liz, and I were spending the day at her house with Peg. Aunt Camillus said we could make chocolate chip bars but not to use real butter. Aunt Camillus left and we made the bars...using real butter! There is know way she would know the difference...Right? Will being the nice kids that we are, we took her some bars. She knew right away !!!  
You are going to be missed Aunt Camillus!*

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**Evy Reed** - January 07, 2020 at 06:58 PM

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**cathy konzett** - January 10, 2020 at 07:15 AM

CM

“ Dear Peg, Kathy and all of Camillus' family: Camillus' passing was announced at Mass this morning. We are sorry for your loss but hope you find comfort knowing that she is at peace. She was always smiling, just as she is in the photo. No one can ever come close to her sense of humor and the ability to make us laugh...sometimes at ourselves. Please know that all of you are in our prayers.

*Cecilia and Mike Morett, Savannah GA*

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**Cecilia Morett** - January 05, 2020 at 09:07 AM

PC

*Like Dad, she considered you all family.*

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**Peg Carroll** - January 09, 2020 at 07:52 AM

MM

“ *My sincere condolences to Peg and family. RIP*

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**Maura Farrell Miller** - January 04, 2020 at 07:35 PM

PD

“ *Beloved mother of Peg she always had a smile.*



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**Patricia L. Doran** - January 04, 2020 at 06:01 PM

JM

“ Sorry Peg and the whole family, your mom was a great lady. I know she loved you all and you her. When I used to stop by to see Jim they were both so wonderful with each other, you could see the love. She will be with your loved ones that preceded her and she will continue to an influence on all of you in your daily lives. I know you more than anyone will miss her Peg, but remember she walks beside you. ❤️🙏

*Jim McGowan*

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jim mcgowan - January 04, 2020 at 05:07 PM