



## Rachel May Ringenberg

August 14, 1929 - April 26, 2019

Washington, IL - Rachel M. Ringenberg, 89, of Washington, Illinois (formerly of Upland, IN & Princeton, IL) passed away on April 26, 2019 at Morningside of Washington.

Services will be held on Saturday, May 11 at the Evangelical Covenant Church,  
24 N Main St. in Princeton, Illinois at 10am with visitation prior at 9am.

Rachel was born August 14, 1929 to Reuben and Grace (Nelson) Arling. She married Gerald W. Ringenberg on July 10, 1948 at the Mission Covenant Church.

He preceded her in death on May 30, 1989. She was also preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Thera Ackeborg and Janice Burress. Great-granddaughter Jane Rachel Wallenfang also preceded her on June 27, 2017.

Surviving are her three children: Brent (Ilze) Ringenberg of West Bend, WI , Julie (Tom) Essenburg of Hoshton, GA, and Jeff (Jean) Ringenberg of Peoria, IL;  
8 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers are Ben Essenburg, Billy Clark, Marcus DeKeyser, Tom Wallenfang, Bill Wilson, Gundars Berzins, Jay Voigt, and Joe Meyer.

She graduated from Wyanet High School in May of 1948 and married in July of 1948. She enjoyed being a farmer's wife. Rachel was a devoted member of the Mission Covenant Church, Willow Springs Mennonite Church, Kasbeer Community Church, and the Upland Community Church through her life. She enjoyed golf, doing puzzles, playing games like Scrabble, Wahoo & Rook with family and friends, travelling, and cheering on her grandchildren in their sports as well as the Taylor University Trojans. Her many friendships were very precious to her. Looking sharp and having her hair done was also of importance to her.

Her faith in Christ sustained her through the loss of her husband and the many challenges of life. She shared the Good News of Jesus with others and found joy in supporting many ministries by volunteering, giving and praying.

Memorials may be made to Peoria Area Youth for Christ, 4100 N. Brandywine Dr., Peoria IL 61614.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 11. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical Covenant Church  
24 N Main St  
Princeton, IL 61356-1723  
(815) 875-2124

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Enjoyed Rachel so much when we lived in Princeton. She was a delight to know. Always joyful and positive.  
*Judy Turpen*

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**Judy Turpen** - May 09, 2019 at 07:53 PM

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“ To Rachel's family-I am saddened to hear about her passing. There are many memories I will have of Rachel that bring a smile to me-- Cubs wins (and losses), her beautiful (and spotless) apartment, seeing her love to watch pool matches and say, "What a bummer," when a shot was missed, seeing her face when she listened to "A White Sportscoat" by Marty Robins, and our common interest in tidying the newspapers at Morningside. I certainly cherish my time with Rachel. I also know how much she loved, and was loved by, her family.  
*My Sincere Condolences,*  
*Scott Hassett*

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**Scott Hassett** - May 09, 2019 at 12:20 PM

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“ *Maija Jones purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rachel May Ringenberg.*



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**Maija Jones** - May 06, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rachel May Ringenberg.*



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May 05, 2019 at 08:10 PM



“ *Brent, Julie, Jeff and families, We were saddened to learn of Auntie Rae's passing but we know she is rejoicing in her new "home"! We so enjoyed visiting her with Trish(Pat) several years ago in her beautiful apartment. We also loved receiving her Christmas letters filled with news of your families and filled with her great sense of humor. We so regret we cannot come to the memorial service but please know we send our love and prayers. Larry and Connie Ellison*

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**Connie Ellison** - May 03, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rachel May Ringenberg.*



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May 01, 2019 at 03:21 PM



“ I have many fond memories of visiting Auntie Rae and Uncle Gerald when we were kids. Both of them were always so sweet to us - which could not have been easy. (Four kids piling out of a car after a long road trip and immediately looking for things we could get into!) I remember their patience with us and their strong faith. Even as a young kid I could see their devotion to each other. Blessed that we spent the time with them that we did in our younger years. Hugs & prayers for healing to the family! Laura McCue Feldner (Patricia Ellison's daughter)

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Laura McCue Feldner - May 01, 2019 at 03:19 PM