



Gola Mae Finkelmeyer

April 22, 1931 - October 20, 2021

Mineral Point - Gola Mae (Clayton) Finkelmeyer, 90, of Mineral Point passed away peacefully in her sleep on October 20, 2021, at Sienna Crest in Mineral Point.

She was born on April 22, 1931, the third of six children, to Cecil C. Clayton, Sr., and Cora M. (Waggett) Clayton, in rural Belmont. Gola attended Strawberry Country School, a one-room schoolhouse at the edge of her family's farm property, and she graduated from Belmont High School in 1949. After attending beauty school in Madison, Gola worked as a beautician at Ruth Ann's Beauty Shop in Cuba City. During this time, she also worked for her father in the Clayton family business as a clerk at the Belmont Livestock Market. It was here that she caught the eye of her future husband, Paul.

On June 7, 1952, Gola married Paul G. Finkelmeyer at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Mineral Point. Soon after, they settled on the Finkelmeyer Family Farm southwest of Mineral Point, where they raised seven children and enjoyed 47 years of marriage before Paul's passing on January 28, 2000. Their marriage centered on their family, faith, hard work and supporting their community. Gola enjoyed attending dances with Paul where they would dance together for hours. She relished preparing home-cooked meals for her family and haying crews. She also spent countless hours visiting and comforting residents in nursing homes. Her cutout Christmas cookies and delicious pies

were special favorites to many over the years. She was a farm girl at heart who loved the small, everyday pleasures that country life provided. She also had a keen sense of style. Gola will be remembered for her maternal tenderness, graceful beauty, devout faith, boundless energy, quiet strength, unselfishness, and natural warmth.

Gola is survived by her four sons, Randall, Mineral Point; Stephen, Chicago; and Michael (Deb) and Mark (Debi) both of Mineral Point; three daughters, Mary Alice (Todd) Argall, New Glarus; Joyce (Kim) Argall, Neenah, and Jean Finkelmeyer, Madison; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; her sister Joyce (Hubert) Mester, Belmont; her brothers, Cecil Clayton, Jr. and Roger Clayton, both of Belmont; her sisters-in-law, Dorothy Finkelmeyer, Oconomowoc, Pauline and Jackie Clayton, both of Platteville; her cousin, Judith (Larry) Amenda, Belmont; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Paul; her parents, Cecil and Cora Clayton; her parents-in-law, George and Mary Finkelmeyer; her brothers, Gordon and Donald Clayton; her brothers-in-law, Francis and Harry Finkelmeyer, Richard Figge, and Wayne Carey; her sisters-in-law, Jean Figge, Norma Finkelmeyer, Alice Carey, Anna Mae Finkelmeyer, and Pat Clayton; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at ST. PHILOMENA CATHOLIC CHURCH in Belmont. Fr. Michael Tarigopula will officiate. Burial will be in St. Paul's Cemetery in Mineral Point. A visitation will be held on Sunday, October 24, 2021 from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the GORGEN FUNERAL HOME in Mineral Point and on Monday from 9:30 - 10:50 a.m. at ST. PHILOMENA CATHOLIC CHURCH.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials given to the family will go toward supporting the Mineral Point community in Gola's name.

Gola was the best mother and grandmother anyone could ask for and, while she will be deeply missed by everyone who loved her, her kind and giving spirit will live on in all of us.

Cemetery Details

St. Paul's Cemetery

801 Ridge Street
Mineral Point, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Gorgen Funeral Home
310 Ridge Street
Mineral Point, WI 53565
(608) 987-3421
gorgenfh@mhtc.net

Visitation

OCT **25**. 9:30 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

St. Philomena Catholic Church
338 Chestnut St.
Belmont, WI 53510

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gola Mae Finkelmeyer*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. She was a beautiful lady! My sympathy to the entire family.*

Cathy (Galle) Hinze

Cathy Hinze - October 30, 2021 at 01:59 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Aunt Gola. Wish we could have come to the visitation but only heard of her passing today. Always enjoyed getting cards from her over the holidays. May she Rest in Peace.*

Don and Lynette Clayton - October 25, 2021 at 05:49 PM



“ *So sad to hear of Gola's passing. She was a very gracious and caring lady who will be missed by many.*

Sharon Byrne - October 23, 2021 at 04:46 PM



“ *To the entire family: I am sorry for your loss.*

Kay Heins

Kay - October 22, 2021 at 06:04 PM

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“ Randy,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Know that your Mom lived a full and wonderful life and is now sitting next to Paul sharing stories of the past 20 years and watching over the land they loved. I bet they have quite a nice view from up there.

*Take care,
Dave Vandy*

Dave V.V. - October 22, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ Joyce, Kim and family,

The staff of Clovis Grove Elementary School would like you and your family to know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. We did not know Gola, but we know she raised a beautiful and caring daughter in Joyce.

*Sending our love and care,
Tammy Richter and the Clovis Grove Staff*

Principal Richter - October 21, 2021 at 06:09 PM

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“ *Very sorry to hear of Gola's passing, prayers to her family during this time of sorrow. She was a wonderful lady that I enjoyed seeing at church and was always pleasant and talkative.*

Debbie Kieffer - October 21, 2021 at 02:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Gola Mae Finkelmeyer.



October 20, 2021 at 10:17 PM