

# Mary A. Withers

**Godfrey | Thursday, October 4 2012**

Mary A. Withers, 70, went to be with the Lord at 5:45 pm Thursday, October 4, 2012 at her home with her family by her side. She was born on January 1, 1942 in Alton, IL, the daughter of Ben and Edna (Brunstein) Meyers.

She married William "Bill" W. Withers on July 2, 1960 in Cottage Hills. He survives.

Mary owned and operated MAW Cleaning Services for over 15 years, retiring in 1995. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton and the VFW Auxiliary in Cottage Hills. She enjoyed spending time with family, taking care of others, making crafts and cleaning houses. She was the center of her family. Mary was an amazing lady who was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) several years ago. As the disease progressed she was a fighter and accepted the changes in her condition with amazing grace and strength.

In addition to her husband of 52 years, she is survived by her children and their spouses, Perry and Michelle Withers of Bethalto and Pam and Kent Reid of Moro; her grand-children and their spouses, Megan and Ryan Yates of Wood River, Ryan Withers of Bethalto, Zach Reid of Moro, Jessica and Eric Smith of Edwardsville and Heather Rose of Bethalto; her sister and brother-in-law, Beatrice and William Crawford of St. Charles, MO; her two brothers, Fred and Joe Meyers, both of Cottage Hills, a sister-in-law, Laura Malson of Cottage Hills and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, Raymond, Robert, Harold, Edward Meyers; and two sisters, Elizabeth Berghoff and Bernadine Withers.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 pm Sunday, October 7, 2012 at Elias, Kallal and Schaaf Funeral Home in Bethalto.

A funeral Mass will be at 10:00 am Monday, October 8, 2012 at St Mary's Catholic Church in Alton with Father Shawn Monahan as celebrant.

Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto.

Memorials may be given to ALS of St. Louis or St. Mary's Catholic Church.

An online condolence and guest book may be found at [www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com](http://www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com).