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**T**aylorville – Mary Geneva Abell, 95, of Taylorville, formerly of Springfield, passed away Monday, June 11, 2018, at Taylorville Estates.

Born August 14, 1922, in Christian County, the daughter of John Clarence and Mayme (Sheedy) Abell, Geneva graduated from Kincaid High School and received an Associates of Liberal Arts and Sciences degree from Springfield Junior College (now Benedictine University). She worked as an accountant for the State of Illinois for 36 years, retiring in 1979. Geneva was a member of the Retired State Employees Association, Catholic Daughters of American and St. Agnes Church in Springfield before moving to Taylorville Estates in 2008.

Geneva was preceded in death by her parents; brother, John Robert Abell and sister, Kathryn O'Brien.

Surviving is a sister, Thelma Goebel of Morrisonville; nieces: Karin Fisher, Sharon (John) Alberts, Carol (Joe) Harding, Cheryl (John) Eckert, Barbara Goebel and Mary Jo Goebel; nephews: Deacon John (Sandy) O'Brien, Lenny (Carolyn) Goebel, Larry (Karen) Goebel, Dan (Betsy) Goebel, Ed (Micki) Goebel, David (Karen) Goebel and Gerry (Michelle) Goebel; fifteen great-nieces, seventeen great-nephews and several great-great-nieces, great-great-nephews and cousins.

Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 am, Friday, June 15, 2018, at St. Maurice Catholic Church, Morrisonville; visitation will begin at 9:30 am, at the church. Burial will follow in St. Maurice Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Maurice Cemetery or donor's choice.

The family of Mary Geneva Abell is being served by the Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe St., Decatur, IL 62526. Memories and condolences may be shared at [www.moranandgoebel.com](http://www.moranandgoebel.com).

Video tribute for Mary Geneva Abell:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/FF3CC9RTZXSBC9D>



## Tribute Wall

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SD

**Steve Darland** posted:

During the 70's – 80's, we were "Marland St." neighbors with Geneva and her Mother. I remember that they would sit on their porch, in the evening – and have neighborly visits with us. They both were very pleasant persons. Our grown kids remember Geneva and her Mother .. and their kind "ways". The Darland's on "Marland", .... Steve, and Ginny and the kids.

June 14 at 12:56 PM

JS

**John Sheedy** posted:

Geneva was most certainly the person that was responsible for my lifetime business success. It all started when she was in charge of the payroll department of the State Department of Public Health, she had an opening for an assistant, and went to her boss and told him she had a cousin with High School educated business courses, and talked him into giving me a chance. I went to work in July, 1951, and I assisted her for 3 ½ 4 years. She encouraged me to pursue other advancement positions within the same office. My final job in that office was of in- charge of monies collected from the various Public Health agencies I left State employment in 1966 to enter into management positions with a number of private companies. I ultimately became a partner in a successful business, that is still in business today. I retired In 1993, owing my lifetime success to the start I received with the help of Geneva. She will always hold a special place in my heart for what she did for me. I await the day when we meet again, because I know she will again intercede on my behalf (and God knows I will need help) and see that I can join with her in receiving success in the great hereafter John Sheedy

June 14 at 5:55 AM

NS

**Nancy Sergent** posted:

To the Goebel family , so sorry to hear of Geneva passing, she was such a sweet lady and she loved you all very much . She would always speak so fondly of you and was very proud of her family. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. Nancy Cravens Sergent .

June 12 at 10:28 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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