

## Obituary

**Born:** Tuesday, October 21, 1924

**Died:** Thursday, January 7, 2021

Alberta L. Rayce died on January 7, 2021 at the Vermillion Convalescent Center, Clinton, IN where she had resided for the past two years.

Alberta Louise Sills was born on October 21, 1924. Her devoted parents, from the time she was six months old, were William and Alberta Montgomery Sills. Her birth parents were Edward and Minerva Skanks Sills. She grew up, and lived in Fontanet, IN until her marriage to Thomas C. "Jock" Rayce on June 14, 1941.

She was a long time employee of the former Vermillion County Hospital, where she was an Accredited Medical Record Technician and assistant administrator. She served as secretary to the medical staff for their monthly meetings and was an instrumental member of the groups that oversaw the first accreditation for the hospital as well as the groups that planned and made the "new" hospital a reality.

Alberta joined the First Christian Church of Clinton in 1952. She was a member of the Faith Circle, served as a Deaconess, a chairperson of the Worship Committee, chair of many activities and events, and planned, prepared, and served countless meals and dinners in service to her church. She took much pleasure in the work and study that she did with her church family.

Alberta was also a member of the Union Hospital-Clinton Guild. She had served the group as president in addition to other volunteer activities. She was a member of The Order of the Eastern Star, Jerusalem Chapter, where she held a number of offices and served on the council for Job's Daughters.

Activities that she enjoyed included reading, crocheting, and shopping. In earlier years she and Jock enjoyed camping and other travel with friends.

She took immense pride in watching her family grow and thrive. She kept in touch with her grandchildren and great grandchildren and loved to hear about their activities and accomplishments. She was tremendously proud of their achievements.

She was very generous in her definition of family, welcoming anyone who was able to join them for family and holiday meals. Homemade noodles, blackberry cobbler, and Divinity were among her kitchen specialties.

She is survived by her sons: Jerry, and his wife, Betty, of Clinton; and Jack, and his wife, Fran, of Monroe, MI. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Kim Young, (Jeff), of Gibson City, IL; Michael, (Valerie), of rural Greencastle; Jeffrey, (Kim), of Rochester Hills, MI; and Laura Swisher, (Zachary), of Grandview Heights, OH. Her great grandchildren include Daniel Young, (Kylie) of Bloomington, IL; Rachel Dewey, (Cameron) of Gibson City; Joy Young of Champaign, IL; Andrew Young of Chicago, IL; Zachery Rayce of Greencastle, IN; Natalie and Adam Rayce of Rochester Hills, MI; and Keelin and Isla Swisher of Grandview Heights, OH. She was blessed with great great grandchildren: Jeffrey and James Young, and Violet and Calvin Dewey.

Other survivors include her sister, Pauline Carrithers of Fontanet, her sister in law, Bertha Rayce, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Rayce, and her brothers: Paul Sills, William Sills, Glenn Harmless, and Frank Morris, and her sisters: Mary Lou Hart and Ida Maddox.

A memorial service will be held at the Frist Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 13, 2021. Visitation with family will be from 9:00- 11:00. Services will be held immediately following the visitation at 11:00 am. Pastor Larry Kelsheimer will lead the service.

The family asks that Covid 19 precautions be observed by those attending and masks be worn.

Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church, Clinton.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.fristfuneralhome.com](http://www.fristfuneralhome.com)

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## Service Summary

### Memorial Service

11:00 AM Wed Jan 13, 2021

**Frist Funeral Home**  
458 Blackman St.  
Clinton, Indiana 47842