



Alice Joy Bramley

July 7, 1941 - September 16, 2025

Dateline: Alton

Alice “Joy” Bramley, 84, died at 2:35 p.m. Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at Evelyn’s House in St. Louis, MO. Born July 7, 1941 in St. Louis, MO, she was the daughter of Homer L. Sr. and Alice Loy (Wise) Harder. She married Gene Bramley on January 11, 1963 in Alton. He survives. Also surviving are three daughters, Tamara “Tammi” Bramley-Cash (Greg) of Alton, Reverend Angeline “Angi” Tharakan of Springfield, MO, and Mitzi Mellenthin (Jeff) of Missouri City, TX. One of her favorite titles was Oma to her surviving 8 grandchildren, Chelsea (Jack) Miller, Abigail (Phillip) Knoche, Joseph (Maribel) Mellenthin, Hope Cash (Levi Davies), Noah (Anna) Cash, Jonathan Mellenthin (Zerryn Hogan), Asha and Amrit Tharakan; 8 great grandchildren Yesica (Gilbert), Jose, Henri, Natalie, Amy, Buddy, Adelina and James and one great great grandchild, Antonella. She is also survived by a sister, Linda Basden (Rich) of Michael, IL, and a sister-in-law, Barbara Harder of Edwardsville, along with several nieces, nephews, and other extended family. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Homer L. “Bud” Harder, Jr. and a sister and brother-in-law, Kathleen “Kathy” and Richard Harting, and her in-laws, Vern E. and Estelle J. (Yager) Bramley. A woman of deep, personal faith, Joy was a prayer warrior and lived a life of service to her Lord. A faithful member of the Upper Alton Baptist Church, she served as a Sunday School, VBS, and Pioneer Club teacher; was active in the Jewell Circle, in church leadership, and other mission-related work. She was a

camp counselor, director, and a Camp Board member for the Great Rivers Region of the American Baptist Churches. She also was active with Women's Aglow.

Joy graduated with the first class of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (on the Alton campus) and was a classroom and substitute teacher for many years. In her later years Joy began painting as a hobby, finding a real passion and talent for her craft. Her family and many others will treasure her priceless art. She also taught painting classes at Evergreen Place. The family wishes to express their deep gratitude to the staff of Evergreen for the loving care she received there. Joy lived out her name with an infectious smile and an always ready hug.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Upper Alton Baptist Church on Tuesday, December 23, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. with a meal to follow. Reverend Brad Donoho will be officiating. Attendees are asked to bring, if able, a non-perishable food item for a community agency.

Memorials may be made to Upper Alton Baptist Church.

Gent Funeral Home in Alton was in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Upper Alton Baptist Church
2726 College Ave
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 465-8531

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Jodi (Corona) Fesi and Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alice Joy Bramley.

Jodi (Corona) Fesi and Family. - December 22, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alice Joy Bramley.



December 22, 2025 at 11:51 AM

FS

“ Holding you all in my heart. Sending sympathy. Hoping that eventually memories of all the happy times shared and her deep love for you all will ease the pain of losing her. Joy was so talented, caring, and loving. She brought Joy with her dear smile, hugs, and enthusiasm to everyone she met. She was courageous, enduring many medical challenges with grace. So glad she was a part of my life for as long as she could be. Love to all my dear cousins. Faith

Faith Stern - December 21, 2025 at 08:06 PM

FS

“ Faith S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alice Joy Bramley.

Faith S. - December 21, 2025 at 07:58 PM

EF

“ Eric & Beth Cash and our whole family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Alice Joy Bramley.



Eric & Beth Cash and our whole family - December 18, 2025
at 01:06 PM

JB

“ Tammi and Greg, I am sorry to hear that your mom, Joy, has passed away. If my memory serves me right she has gone through a lot medically along the way. I worked with Greg at the SIU Alton Dental School Library. I borrowed your teapots for a farewell tea, when I left Alton and moved to Memphis. You have such a loving, good Christian family. I am sure Joy is at peace and in the arms of Jesus. Remember the sky looks different when you know someone that's up there. Jan Bloodworth

Jan Bloodworth - December 18, 2025 at 11:51 AM

CT

“ Mitzi, what a joy it was to connect and work with mom and dad and reconnect with you. Please know you and Jeff are in my thoughts and prayers as you navigate through this loss

Cindy Turner - December 17, 2025 at 12:55 PM