



## Bette L. Whyte

January 3, 1938 - August 2, 2018

Dateline: Godfrey

Bette L. Whyte, 80, died at 2:51 p.m. Thursday, August 2, 2018 at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis, MO. Born January 3, 1938 in Alton, she was the daughter of William Q. and Thelma L. (Utt) Smith. Mrs. Whyte was a homemaker and a member of the Prince Road Church of Christ. On June 22, 1956 in Grafton, IL she married the love of her life, Dennis E. Whyte. He survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Terri Hilgendorf of Godfrey and Traci Abbott (Jim) of Houston; three grandchildren, Michael Hilgendorf, Nicole Abbott-Molinar (Estevan), and Courtney Abbott; two brothers, William Smith of Alexandria, VA, and Robert Smith (Mary) of Grafton; one sister, Beth Duncan (Bill) of Grafton, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister-in-law, Barbara Smith.

Bette was known for her caring disposition, and she made many friends through her work at Breitweiser's Gift Shop, at Famous-Barr, and most recently in the Admissions Department at Jerseyville Community Hospital. After retirement, she enjoyed volunteering at the Ambulatory Department in the hospital. Bette was an avid reader, and the staff at Hayner Public Library kept up with her requests that most weeks included four to five mystery novels. She was remarkable for her ability to remember the dates of birthdays

and anniversaries. But most of all, Bette loved to bake, and many will miss the special dishes she prepared for them. She baked her last batch of chocolate chip cookies on July 19.

Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Monday, August 6, 2018 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 7, 2018. Bill Cooper will officiate. Burial will be private. Memorials may be made to Hayner Public Library, Jersey Community Hospital Ambulatory Department, or the Prince Road Church of Christ. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral

AUG 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bette L. Whyte*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Bette L. Whyte*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Traci - sorry for your loss. I remember your mom fondly helping with the Brownie troop and being involved with school activities. My prayers are with your family.*

**Tina Franz Thomas** - August 06, 2018 at 11:34 PM



*Thank you so much, Tina. Yes, she loved being involved in all of our school activities.... <3*

**Traci Whyte Abbott** - August 12, 2018 at 12:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bette L. Whyte.*



August 06, 2018 at 12:20 PM

JC

“ I have fond memories of Bette's visit with her family to our house in St. Louis, particularly at Thanksgiving. Also, travelling to Grafton was always a challenge when we visited there. Took three different modes of transportation as we did not have a car at that time.

*I will miss her smiling face and regular birthday cards.*

*Jim Compton*

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**Jim Compton (older cousin)** - August 06, 2018 at 09:28 AM

LF

“ Love, your ASL family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Bette L. Whyte.



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**Love, your ASL family** - August 06, 2018 at 08:46 AM

TA

“ 1 file added to the album Bette Smith Whyte

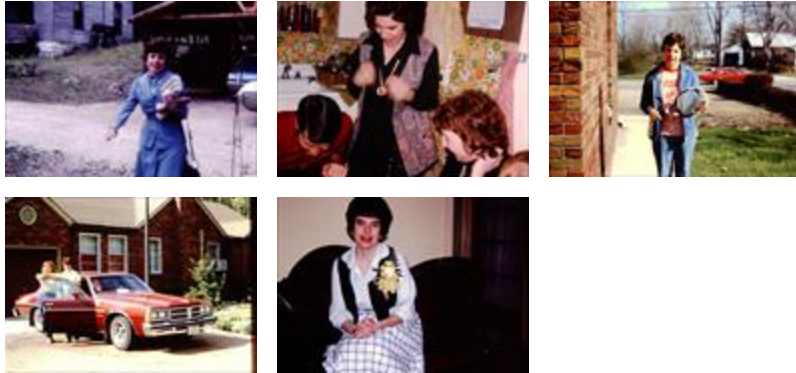


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**Traci Whyte Abbott** - August 05, 2018 at 01:23 PM

TA

“ 36 files added to the album *Bette Smith Whyte*



Traci Whyte Abbott - August 05, 2018 at 01:22 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity* was purchased for the family of *Bette L. Whyte*.



August 05, 2018 at 11:12 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Bette L. Whyte*.



August 05, 2018 at 10:36 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bette L. Whyte.*



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August 04, 2018 at 10:17 PM



“ *Love Joe and Cindy Salazar purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Bette L. Whyte.*



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**Love Joe and Cindy Salazar** - August 04, 2018 at 07:45 PM



“ *Love, Bill, Bob and Beth purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Bette L. Whyte.*



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**Love, Bill, Bob and Beth** - August 04, 2018 at 05:06 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bette L. Whyte.*



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August 04, 2018 at 03:34 PM

CF

“ *Bette was such a sweet lady and always looked like a million bucks. I always enjoyed her when she came into Dr Emons.*

Cathy Forbes - August 04, 2018 at 02:18 PM

TE

*Thank you—she enjoyed her visits with you as well. Terri*

terri - August 05, 2018 at 08:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bette L. Whyte.*



August 04, 2018 at 08:02 AM

JR

“ *Aunt Bette was not my aunt or the aunt of my wife, or children but she treated us like she was. Kind, sweet, caring, funny and heck of a baker. I had only a few visits with her, but they were so memorable. Then there is Denny, the kindest caretaker I've seen. He has a sweet calmness to him that is unmatched. My thoughts go out to him, but I know his kids and grandkids will envelop him in the Love I've seen shared between them many times. Rest in peach Bette and GodSpeed Denny.*

*Jorge De La Rosa*

Jorge De La Rosa - August 04, 2018 at 07:00 AM

JR

*Apologies for the typo..Rest in Peace dear Bette.*

Jorge De La Rosa - August 04, 2018 at 07:03 AM

TE

*That was lovely, Jorge, thank you. It was almost exactly a year ago that we were at the Outer Banks together. The picture of Mom and Dad's beach ride in the Jeep just popped up on my FB page. I really appreciate your family's attention to my parents. Terri*♥♥

Terri - August 04, 2018 at 07:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bette L. Whyte.*



August 03, 2018 at 09:21 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bette L. Whyte.*



August 03, 2018 at 06:07 PM