



Betty Lu Hayes

April 30, 1927 - January 24, 2015

Dateline: Alton

Betty Lu (Johnston) Hayes, died at 6:08 p.m. Saturday, January 24, 2015 at Eunice Smith Nursing Home under the care of BJC Hospice. Born April 30, 1927 in Alton, she was the daughter of Allan and Lu Lu (Gaither) Johnston. She went through the Alton school system and graduated from Alton High School in 1944. In her later years she worked at Walnut Grove Dairy, Crane Furniture Store, Olin Mathieson, and retired from Griffith Morgan Distributors. On July 31, 1948 she married Cletus "Squeak" Hayes by the Reverend Paul Brown at the Methodist Parsonage in Alton. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, two sons, Bill Hayes and his companion Sonya Joseph of Eureka, MO, and Pat Hayes of Alton. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Erin and Matt Grieshaber of St. Charles, MO, and Corey and Jennifer Hayes of St. Charles, MO, three great grand grandchildren, Luke and Beck Grieshabar and Harper Hayes, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Allan "Bud" Johnston, and two sisters, Alyes Ziegenfuss and Martha "Mitney" Mathus. She was a member of the American Legion Post 126 Auxiliary, the VFW Post 1308 Auxiliary, and the Alton Moose 951. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Monday, January 26, 2015 at Gent Funeral Home where funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 27, 2015. Reverend Don E. Long Jr. will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the VFW Post 1308.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Lu Hayes*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Betty Lu Hayes*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *God Bless you, Squeak. I will keep you in my prayers.*

Maureen Concannon - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *May she rest in peace. didn't see obit until to late to attend. So Sorry George*

George W Goeken - January 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers!*

Debbie (Mathus) Brumley - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am Barbara Hayes daughter. I am so very saddened by your loss. I remember many times at the VFW seeing you and Betty. You were always so kind. Please know that my heart and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.*

Roxanne K. Pearson - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dear Squeak,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow. Betty was a wonderful person and will be missed by all. Sorry we could not be there for you.

Mr & Mrs Fred Czerny - January 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Betty, you will ALWAYS be missed. Your kindness and good heart can never be matched.
To Squeek and family I am sorry for your loss you are all in my prayers.

Susan Parrish - January 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ While I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Betty, I am good friends with her son Bill. He spoke with great fondness of her and told me some great card-playing stories too which always put a smile on Bill's face. Thinking of the Hayes family during this tough time.
All the best,

Jeff

Jeff Melnick - January 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM