



## Betty A. Read

February 28, 1933 - May 11, 2021

Betty A Read, 88, of Godfrey, IL passed away at her home Tuesday May 11, 2021, with her sons by her side.

Betty was born on February 28, 1933 in Alton to Charles 'Bud' Colman and Gladys (Brown) Colman Carter. She married Robert G. Read, Sr. on December 28, 1956.

Betty and Bob operated Read's Market for 10 years, and she was a homemaker. She will be remembered as the kindest and most generous soul, and one who never met a stranger. She always concerned herself with making sure everyone around her had enough to eat and wanted everyone to 'just be happy'. She loved unconditionally and touched countless lives with her kindness.

Betty was an avid Cardinals fan, dating back to her childhood when she would sit on her Daddy's knee and listen to the play-by-play of her favorite player, Enos Slaughter, and others on her Daddy's transistor radio. In more recent times, her favorites included Yadier Molina, and of course Adam Wainwright, who recently recorded a special video message to her, a gift from her grandchildren. Please wear St. Louis Cardinal apparel (or red) to honor her love of the Cardinals.

Betty is survived by her sons, Robert Jr., (Deborah) of Shawnee Mission, KS, and Rich (Teena) of Godfrey. She also has five grandchildren, Dallas (Ana) Read of North Riverside, IL, Patrick Read of St. Louis, MO, Jenni (Nick) Wittman of Webster Groves, MO, DJ (Tara) Read of Raymore, MO, and Donny (Angela) Funk of Alton, IL. She has eight great grandchildren, Brea Bridges, Mason and Ryan Read, Lily and Olive Wittman, Caleb Read and Evelyn and Braden Funk. Betty is also survived by her brother, James W. Colman of Fosterburg, IL.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and two brothers, William 'Chris' Colman and Charles 'Jack' Colman.

Friends may call at Gent Funeral Home in Alton from 2 pm to 4 pm on Sunday May 16, 2021. Funeral services will be held at Gent Funeral Home on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 10 am, with burial following at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. All are welcome, but masks should be worn indoors.

Memorials may be given in her honor to Adam Wainwright's 'Big League Impact' Organization [www.bigleagueimpact.org](http://www.bigleagueimpact.org), St. Jude Children's Research Hospital [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org), or the charity of one's choice.

Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memorial Park

Godfrey, IL 62035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 16. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral

MAY 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty A. Read*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Betty A. Read*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Betty, I know you will be missed by so many. You made a big impact on my life as a child and you will always be remembered. Love to you and your family. We made a contribution to one of your favorite charity's in your memory. With lots of love the Staten's in Arizona.*

**Missy Staten Oates** - May 18, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ *So sad to read of Betty's passing. We were good friends in Junior High & High School (East Junior & Alton High). Always a sweet, sweet girl and I have fond memories of our time together. My condolences to the family. God bless.  
Joyce Dunn, Newcom, Cunningham*

**Carla Joyce Cunningham** - May 14, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ *Aunt Betty came to our house for Kyle's birthday. She walked in and went straight to my brother in law and kissed him. Upon standing up realized she had kissed him instead of my husband Dennis. We laughed about that every time we were together after that.*

**Kathleen Hays** - May 14, 2021 at 03:38 PM

KF

“ Our deepest. sympathy. Betty was so very nice at Godfrey Baptist Church. She always helped with meals and sending cards to the congregation. I will always cherish her smile. Well done faithful servant. Rob and Karen Fiedler, Nikki Fiedler . Jena And Brian Young and family  
Karl and Beth Fiedler and family.

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**Karen Fiedler** - May 14, 2021 at 12:08 PM

KH

“ It was always a treat to stop at Read's Market before school on the drive into St. Mary's from my parents house in Godfrey. Mrs. Read was so kind and patient with us kids. Good childhood memory. My condolences to her family.

*Kimberly Schelle Hand*

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**Kimberly Hand** - May 14, 2021 at 09:47 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Betty A. Read.



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May 13, 2021 at 05:48 PM

PL

“ The last time i saw her my mom and sister and i went to her house we all talked for a long time. She is in my memory for as long as i can remember. The sweetest,nicest woman you would ever have the privilage of knowing. I feel for the family. Sorry to hear this.  
*Pamela Little*

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**Pamela little** - May 13, 2021 at 04:40 PM

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“ *I always enjoyed Betty’s company. She had a very welcoming attitude. A laugh and giggle came easy for her. She will truly be missed. Clark and I will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.* ”



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**Diane McAdams** - May 13, 2021 at 04:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Betty A. Read.* ”



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May 13, 2021 at 03:27 PM