



Bona Jackson

July 20, 1929 - November 10, 2024

Dateline: Jerseyville, IL

Bona Jackson 95 passed away Sunday, November 10, 2024 at Jerseyville Manor. She was born July 20, 1929 in Jerseyville, the daughter of the late Merdice and Kathryn (Johnson) Battershell. Bona graduated from Alton High School class of 1945. She was a long-time member of Vaughn Hill Church of Christ. She was one of the first ladies to be a member of the Women's Athletic Association in Illinois. Bona was a St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan and K.C. Chiefs football fan, was a Bingo queen and enjoyed crafting and was highly praised by her family for her homemade noodle recipe. She was secretary for Jackson Refrigeration which she co-owned with her husband. She also had worked for Brown Shoe Company in Alton, was a nurse's aide at St. Mary's Hospital in Quincy and a private duty nurse. On October 13, 1949 in New Mexico, she married Leon Jackson, and he preceded her in death on November 13, 2005. Surviving are four daughters, Janice Laburay (Richard) of Godfrey, Judy Miller (David) of Bethalto, Jill Jackson Ramirez of Jerseyville, Jeanne Middleton (Stanley) of Godfrey, three sons, Kent Jackson (Linda) of Godfrey, Kevin Jackson (Karen) of Brighton and Keith Jackson (Brandy) of Wood River, thirteen grandchildren and twenty three great grandchildren and one sister, Linda Sue Long of Bethalto. Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Betty Hamblen, one great grandchild, Katlynn Schuering, one niece, Kathy Hamblen and son in law, Richard Whelan. Visitation will be Friday, November 15, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. until the

time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Burial will be at St. James Cemetery in Edwardsville. Brian Magnuson will officiate. Memorials may be made to Vaughn Hill Church of Christ. The family would like to thank the staff of Jerseyville Manor for the good care they gave to Bona. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **15**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002

Funeral

NOV **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

2F

“ 2nd Chances Community Church Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bona Jackson.



2nd Chances Community Church Family - November 13, 2024 at 04:39 PM

VC

“ Vaughn Hill Church of Christ planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bona Jackson.

Vaughn Hill Church of Christ - November 12, 2024 at 02:47 PM

VC

“ Vaughn Hill Church of Christ purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bona Jackson.



Vaughn Hill Church of Christ - November 12, 2024 at 02:47 PM

IS

“ Ione Snow lit a candle in memory of Bona Jackson



Ione Snow - November 12, 2024 at 09:50 AM

IS

Bona I will miss you terribly.

Ione Snow - November 12, 2024 at 09:52 AM

SM

“ Sandra McCoy McCarty planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bona Jackson.

Sandra McCoy McCarty - November 12, 2024 at 09:31 AM

SM

“ Sandra McCoy McCarty purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of Bona Jackson.



Sandra McCoy McCarty - November 12, 2024 at 09:31 AM

SM

“ Bona and Leon were best friends of my parents. They were part of my life as far back as I can remember. I celebrated many New Year's Eves with them. My favorite memory of Bona is every time we would play Pictionary she would draw one small thing and then point at it the rest of the time. It makes me smile to think of it even now. My love and prayers go to all her family...she was a very special lady.

Sandie McCoy McCarty

Sandie McCoy - November 12, 2024 at 09:16 AM