



Catherine J. Bryant

July 28, 1940 - February 14, 2016

Dateline: Alton

Catherine J. Bryant, 75, died at 11:30 p.m. Sunday, February 14, 2016 at Rosewood Care Center in Alton. Born July 28, 1940 in Alton she was the daughter of the late Clarence Retzer and Marian (Harshbarger) Stallings. She worked as a legal secretary in Alton for several years and also as a field coordinator for Senior Companions. She was a member of Elm Street Presbyterian Church in Alton. On March 26, 1960 she married Ronald Bryant in Harford. He preceded her in death on November 7, 1993. Surviving are five children, R. Scott Bryant of Alton, Julie Ann Wehling (John) of Wildwood, MO, Audrey Stewart (Mark) of Godfrey, Jean Bryant (Brad Reynolds) of Alton, and Carol Bryant (Don Reynolds) of Salisbury, MD, and four grandchildren Zachary and Jacob Wehling and Taylor and Chandler Reynolds. Also surviving is a brother, John Retzer and two sisters, Nancy Kleeman and Mary Coleman. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday, February 18, 2016 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 19, 2016. Reverend Bill Veith will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to Elm Street Presbyterian Church. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
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Funeral

FEB 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Catherine J. Bryant*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Catherine J. Bryant*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *We so sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a very sweet lady. We know she is with God. Sorry we were unable to make the visitation but not feeling well. May God be with all of you. Katy and Dan Jarman*

Kathryn - February 18, 2016 at 09:38 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Catherine J. Bryant.*



February 18, 2016 at 03:40 PM



“ *We are very sorry for your loss of an absolutely wonderful lady. May she rest in peace.*

Migratory Waterfowl Hunters, Inc - February 18, 2016 at 02:42 PM

JR

“ *Janet Riley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Catherine J. Bryant.*



Janet Riley - February 17, 2016 at 05:33 PM

JR

“ Jean and Brad, Audrey and Mark, Scott, Julie and family,
I feel blessed to have been adopted as part of your family while living in Alton and treasure those holiday meals we all shared and enjoyed with your mom. It was a privilege also to have been her pastor and to have been able to go and serve communion to shut-ins and to witness in her faith in action.

There was nothing that delighted Cathy more than to have both daughters, Audrey and Jean in the Elm Street Church choir singing in the Christmas cantata. She was such a proud mama and loved to attend Jean's concerts in the park. I remember one year Jean, Cathy and I went to the Holiday Inn for a valentine celebration where we had lunch and then a theatre performance with a Lucille Ball impersonator who asked for audience participation. Cathy was always ready with a come back.

I loved her straight forward way of expressing herself. I believe Jean has inherited this quality. You knew where you stood with Cathy.

She was a loyal friend and church member.

One only has to get to know her children to begin to appreciate what a wonderful mother and mentor she was for so many. Plus, she was so smart and always won at scrabble (Right, Brad?) I sure miss you all and wish I could be there to give you a big hug.

Our God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear. Psalm 46

Sending you love and the comforting power of the Holy Spirit in your time of grief and loss.

Janet

Janet Riley - February 17, 2016 at 04:52 PM

GL

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family at this time of loss.
Greg and Cathy lister

Greg Lister - February 16, 2016 at 09:43 AM