



Marjory Louise Bryant

January 15, 1933 - February 21, 2026

Dateline: Godfrey

Marjory Louise Bryant, 93, of Godfrey, IL passed away peacefully on February 21, 2026 at Alton Memorial Hospital.

She was born January 15, 1933 in Alton, IL to the late Clifford and Helen Laverna (Rain) Hand.

She married Robert Bryant on December 18, 1953. He preceded her in death on July 19, 1991.

After graduating from Alton High School in 1950, Marj attended Alton Memorial School of Nursing and graduated from there in 1953. She even served on the alumni board as treasurer for several years. She found passion in her work and enjoyed talking about nursing throughout her life. She held many different jobs as a nurse, Alton Memorial Hospital, Eunice Smith Nursing Home, and lastly before retiring she worked as Dr Gordon Moore's nurse. Marj didn't stay retired for long. She found work at H&R Block and as the church secretary at Elm Street Presbyterian Church, where she was a long-time member and held many roles, until its closing. She currently was member of Bethalto Presbyterian Church.

In Marj's free time she enjoyed camping and traveling with her husband. She attended many many Bible studies and knew the Bible better anyone you would meet. She was very adamant about keeping her mind sharp and boy was she, she did many crossword puzzles and read the Telegraph daily. She

also never let a day go by without watching an old western movie or Perry Mason, even if she had seen them all before. Most importantly, Marj loved to spend time with her family and would do anything for them.

She is survived by two daughters, Joy Bryant of Bixby, OK and Bobbi (Jerry) Wray of Godfrey, IL. Five grandchildren, Sara (Jared) Wolf of Broken Arrow, OK, Kayla (Patric) Ripperda of Godfrey, IL, Shaine Bryant of Antioch, TN, Zachary Bryant of Bixby, OK, and Jordan Bryant of Godfrey, IL. Two great-grandchildren, Thea and Jace Wolf, who we all know she loved most of all. Brother-in-law, Chance Shewmake and many nieces and nephews.

Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter Sue Bryant and a son Robert Bryant II both of Godfrey. Her sister Zada Shewmake, her bother William Hand, and sister-in-law Carol Hand.

Visitation will be from 3:00 p.m. until time of funeral service at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton, IL. Pastor Jerry Wray will officiate. Burial will be private at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey.

Memorials may be made to the Bethalto Presbyterian Church. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002

Funeral

MAR 4. 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *Marj was a rock for my time at Elm Street Presbyterian for 25 years. She was a faithful choir member, and encouraged much of her family to also join in. As I turned in hymn numbers for the bulletin, I'm pretty sure she double checked them each time, as I have a tendency to transpose digits.*

It was a pleasure to see Marj with a smile on her face, which was usually the case when her family was around. If the smile was not on her face, her attitude might come out, which meant someone needed to get their stuff together.

When Joy and Sara went south, I asked Marj when she was headed to OK, but she made it clear she had kids here to take care of. At her son's memorial a few weeks ago, I told her I knew she was looking after him but, she stressed "He was taking care of me!" with tears in her eyes. I'm glad I got a hug from her that weekend.

Lots of love and sympathy to the Wrays, Bryants, Wolfs, Ripperda and extended family.

Cheri Trusty, with Tyler and Terry

Cherilyn S Trusty - March 04 at 03:58 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marjory Louise Bryant.*



March 04 at 10:46 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marjory Louise Bryant.*



February 28 at 07:26 PM



“ *Bethalto Presbyterian Church Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Marjory Louise Bryant.*



Bethalto Presbyterian Church Family - February 27 at 01:22 PM



“ *I worked with Marge at H & R Block. She was one of the nicest ladies I worked with.*
Ruth Schneider

Ruth Schneider - February 27 at 08:56 AM