



Nellie May Barrett

September 16, 1935 - March 20, 2025

Nellie May Barrett, 89, of Riverton, IL, entered heaven on Thursday, March 20, 2025, surrounded by her family at Springfield Memorial Hospital, Springfield, IL. She was born on September 16, 1935, to the late Edwin and Nellie (Loy) Frank in Godfrey, IL. She married Fred F. Barrett on August 28, 1971, in Jerseyville, IL and he preceded her on October 28, 1992.

Nellie was a graduate of Jersey Community High School and after graduation she worked as a telephone operator in Jerseyville. She graduated from Olin Vocational School of Practical Nursing on February 4, 1971, as an LPN. She worked at Alton Memorial Hospital, Eunice Smith Nursing Home, Alton, Greenwood Manor, Jerseyville before retiring from Jersey Community Hospital.

Her hobbies and interests included embroidery, doing word search puzzles, bowling, gardening. Bible studies, spending time at the library, babysitting grandchildren and taking her great grandchildren to puppet shows. She also enjoyed cooking and was well-known for her chicken and noodles, homemade donuts, rolls and fried chicken in a cast iron skillet.

She is survived by seven children, Cindy Cole, Decatur, IL, William (Roberta) Eads, Albuquerque, NM, Dale (Susan) Eads, Arlington, TN, Phillip Eads, O'Fallon, MO, Cathy (Alan) Suhling, Springfield, IL, John (Cindy) Eads, Godfrey, IL and James Eads, Evans, GA, 23 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, a great-great grandchild, a sister, Mary Kuehnel of Alton, IL, a brother, Louis (Mary) Frank of Jerseyville, IL and a step daughter, Lindy

Barrett of Phoenix, AZ and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, son-in-law, Terry Cole, grandsons, Steve and Alex, step sons, Homer and William Barrett, step daughter, Sally Pohlman, brothers and sisters, Clinton Frank, Wilma (Orville) Rogers, Annie (Claude) Cope, Joseph (Lorraine) Frank, William (Agnes) Frank, Jessie (Steve) Goewey, George "Art" (Minnie) Frank, brother-in-law, Gene Kuehnel and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial visitation will be Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 10 am until time of service at 11 am at the Presbyterian Church in Jerseyville, IL with Nurse Honor Guard service. Burial will be in Kane Cemetery, Kane, IL. Memorials may be made to the Riverton Library, Riverton, IL or the Jerseyville American Legion Honor Guard. Thank you all for remembering our mom. Additional information and online guestbook may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

APR **12**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
400 S State St
Jerseyville, IL 62052-2254
(618) 498-5423

Tribute Wall

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“ Steve and Janna Zink purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Nellie May Barrett.



Steve and Janna Zink - April 10, 2025 at 04:40 PM

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“ Reilly and Lizz King purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Nellie May Barrett.



Reilly and Lizz King - April 08, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nellie May Barrett.

March 28, 2025 at 07:34 PM

DR

“ Donna Richie lit a candle in memory of Nellie May Barrett



Donna Richie - March 27, 2025 at 01:47 PM

SR

“ I worked with Nellie at Jerserville hospital for a long time. We had a lot of fun together. Sorry for the famlies lost but she is with her Lord now! God bless the family. Jon you had amazing mother.

sonny renken - March 27, 2025 at 11:12 AM

SR

“ Sonny Renken lit a candle in memory of Nellie May Barrett



sonny renken - March 27, 2025 at 11:07 AM

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“ Chatham Firefighters Local 4490 purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Nellie May Barrett.



Chatham Firefighters Local 4490 - March 27, 2025 at 10:58 AM