



Sophia B. Ives

July 9, 1920 - February 2, 2014

Dateline: Godfrey

Sophia B. Ives, 93, passed away at 2:26 p.m. Sunday, February 2, 2014 at her home surrounded by family. Born July 9, 1920 in New Haven, IL, she was the daughter of Raymond E. and Muriel G. (Johnson) Acord. She was a longtime member of Heartland Baptist Church in Alton where she taught Sunday school for 54 years. She worked as a teacher at Beverly Farm for 18 years and volunteered in the gift shop for 2 years. She also worked as a houseparent at the Carmi Baptist Children's Home in Carmi, IL, wrote for the Democrat News of Jerseyville for 25 years, and worked in customer service at Alton Square Mall. She volunteered for several months at Anchorage, Alaska's Baptist Family Service Center, and volunteered for 7 years at Alton Memorial Hospital in the Chaplain's Office and in admitting. In 1936 she married Clinton Courtney in Alton. He preceded her in death. She later married Paul Ives Sr. on July 3, 1945 in East Alton. He preceded her in death on May 11, 1986. Surviving are seven children, Martha Prough of Glen Carbon, Clint Courtney (Mary) of Lebanon, IN, Paulette Hayden (Jim) of Godfrey, Hazel Morgan (Richard) of Godfrey, Margaret Freer (Mike) of Godfrey, Janice Miller of Granite City, and Paul L. Ives, Jr. (Dianne) of Columbia, IL, 22 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren and a special caregiver/niece, Marilyn Acord of Cottage Hills. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Phyllis Uribe, a grandson, David Freer, 3 brothers, Clyde Acord, Ralph Acord, and Ken Acord, and 4 sisters,

Lillian Mayville, Hazel Chandler, Pearl Tretter, and Violet Littleston. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at Heartland Baptist Church in Alton. Reverend Jim Grant will officiate. Burial will be at Upper Alton Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Heartland Baptist Church or Community Christmas. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sophia B. Ives*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *She was one of our very nice neighbors when I was growing up and her kids were my best friends. _Please accept my sincere thoughts and prayers*

Leroy C. Jones - February 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Martha Prough and family: We are very sorry for your loss. We had the privilege of meeting your mother and she was a class act. May cherished memories and the love of family give you peace during this difficult time.*

*Love,
Willie & Jean Dumas*

Willie and Jean Dumas - February 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ I just wanted to let you all know I will be praying for you in the time of grief. I know for us here, it is saddening. For Miss Sophia though, she is rejoicing with our Savior Jesus Christ. What a wonderful legacy she left. She will always have a special place in my heart as she was a wonderful influence on me and our church family. God bless you all.

*Mourning Yet Rejoicing,
Kyle and Megan Vatole*

Kyle Vatole - February 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Margaret and family,

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. We at United Way are thinking of and praying for your family during this difficult time. I hope you will find comfort and rest in our Father's arms knowing your mother is at peace with Him.

Natasha Sakovich - February 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Dear Margaret,

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. I pray God's grace and peace be with you as you go through this season of loss.

Dawna Gilbreath - February 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ sorry to hear of your loss and I will try to come to the visitation and Love all of you

Shirley Fraley/Lane - February 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Sophia was a kind woman. She gave so much to the church. I will always remember how kind she was each time I saw her at church or when we were working at the mall. She is in God's house now.

Susan Schellingburger and family - February 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ The first time I met Sophia was at Missy's bridal shower! She told me that my son, Lee was wonderful and she liked him! She is a sweet lady! She looked pretty in her purple outfit! I am glad that we became part of her family! Our thoughts and prayers to the family!

Pamela and Gary Bartlow - February 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I Pray you find Peace in your memories during this difficult time.

Sharon Gwillim - February 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Thinking of you and your family Shelly. Grandma Mimi is at home with our Lord now. Take care dear - we love you!

Rhonda W. - February 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Dear aunt Martha and family. We are so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for comfort.

Jeff and Vivian Prough - February 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ My deepest sympathy to all of Sophia's family. I have only had the pleasure of knowing her daughter Martha and family. However, their deep love and compassion toward her is a beautiful tribute to her generous life. My continued prayers for peace of mind and heart for all.

Rose M. Schulte - February 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Margaret, I knew your mom from the neighborhood and, of course, had conversation with her at a few of your functions. She always looked so pretty. I know she will make a beautiful angel to be looking down on your family.

Susan Marshall - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ In the name of Jesus I pray to you Father for Your abundant Grace to cover the family and friends of dear Sophia in this difficult time. Through this darkness shines your perfect light guiding us to comfort, peace, understanding, love, and remembrance. Let us realize the joy of knowing she is in that perfect place of Love surrounded by her family and friends from long ago. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Doug and Montel Mayes - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

IH

“ Sophia was a very godly lady. We appreciated getting to know her as we have served at Heartland Baptist Church. She always looked so pretty and always adorned with something purple if not all in purple. We will truly miss her but look forward to seeing her again in heaven. God bless you during this difficult time.

Isaac & Lynette Hallock - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ I am so sad to hear the news about Sophia Ives. She was so good to me during my marriage to her son Paul Jr., and continued to be thereafter. She was a very special lady that brought me to Christ and I will never forget her for that. She was so full of life and love for her family. There was no one quite like her. I will remember her with deepest love and gratitde for all she did for me and all the times we spent together praying. I will miss her and her uplifting spirit very much...I always called her MOM - that never changed. She was the best. I would like to extend my my deepest sympathy to the entire family. Cindy

Cindy Hook (AKA Ives) - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Your in my prayers Paulette, Jim, Robin,Rhonda, Stacy and family.

Jacky Orr-Holler - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Sophia was a very sweet lady that was always a great encouragement to our family. Our girls remember her always saying sweet things about their violin playing and telling them that she appreciated them. Sophia was a very classy lady and she will be remembered.

Mark Heckler and Family - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM