



Beatrice Callie "Bea" Burkey

November 20, 1928 - April 23, 2024

IN MEMORY OF:

Beatrice Callie "Bea" Burkey

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

Beatrice Callie "Bea" Burkey, 95, of Murphysboro, passed away on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at her home surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

Bea was born on November 20, 1928 in Carbondale to Clarence Edward and Virginia (McDaniel) Wyatt. She married Joe Burkey on February 15, 1947. He preceded her in death on August 22, 2018.

Bea was a servant to the Lord and had a writing and calling ministry to so many up to the last weeks of her life. She was a fantastic mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and Aunt Bea to all who adored her and was the family prayer warrior.

Survivors include her children, Francie (John) Lindeman, Joe L. (Jan) Burkey, Sam (Sara) Burkey, and Julie (Scott) Bridges; grandchildren, Jennifer Edwards, John (Jana) Lindeman and their children, Samuel, Adrian, and

Wyatt; Jared Lindeman; Victoria (Anders) Swenson and their children, Anders, and Beatrice; Ryan (Marci) Burkey and their children, Morgan (Braden Gentry), Madison, Blake, Meredith, and Brezden; Jason (Lesley) Burkey and their children, Zeppelynn, Josselynn, and Evelyn; Christy (Charlie) Etherton and their children, Maci, and Ian; Brad (Amanda) Burkey and their children, Amelia, and Beau; A.J. (Ashley Nichole) Burkey and their children, Kelton, Kamah, Kree, and Kroft; Ashlee Joy Burkey and her daughter, Gracee; Candice Kennedy; Leslie (Clay) Fuson and their children, Cohen, Kye, and Crews; sister, Sandy Grammer; and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; grandson, Tommy Joe Burkey; siblings, Betty (Dan) King, Bo (Alice) Wyatt, Mack Wyatt, and Alice (Eldon) Praisewater; and brother-in-law, Don Grammer.

Funeral services will be on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 11:00 AM at Murdale Baptist Church with Rev. Len Walker and Rev. Paul Hicks officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Visitation will be on Saturday from 8:00 AM until the time of service at the church.

Memorials may be made to Dutch Ridge Baptist Church-Building Fund or Hospice of Southern Illinois.

“I see Jesus standing at the Father’s right hand. I see Jesus yonder in the promised land. Work is over, now I am coming to thee. I see Jesus standing, waiting for me.”

Crain Funeral Home in Murphysboro is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Murdale Baptist Church
2701 W Main St
Carbondale, IL 62901-1000
(618) 529-5800

Funeral Service

APR 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AJ

“ *Grandma I still miss you all the time. Your love, our long talks, and the way you'd answer and say Ashlee Joy is that you. . I'm happy you're finally with Jesus and Grandpa because I know that's where you want to be but you're one of the greatest things that ever happened to me. I'm so lucky to be your granddaughter and I'm thankful for everything you taught me. I pray like you taught me for all of us. I try to be like you but you sure left big shoes to fill. . You're everything to us. Thank you for everything grandma. You're the best.*

Ashlee Joy - November 14, 2025 at 02:38 PM



“ *Sending my condolences to all who mourn this fabulous soul. Loved Mrs. Burkey's example of living, loving, & leadership in all She entered into within families of all who needed encouragement with life. She was a light like no other and still shines in heaven brighter as She takes place in God's paradise. Honored to have met her. Keep her legacy alive in your hearts, minds, and souls and continue to share her wisdoms, humble way of life thru God's guidance and grace. Proverbs 31 woman truly..University Baptist is where we first met back in 70's. Murdale Baptist in 1997. Missionary in motion is how I describe Mrs. Bea Burkey. Hugs, prayers, Karen McNeely McMinn. Carbondale Il*

Karen McMinn - April 27, 2024 at 01:19 AM

KM

“ Karen McMinn lit a candle in memory of Beatrice Burkey



Karen McNeely McMinn - April 27, 2024 at 01:03 AM

AB

“ Alyssa and Greg Burnett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beatrice Callie "Bea" Burkey.

Alyssa and Greg Burnett - April 26, 2024 at 04:34 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Beatrice Callie "Bea" Burkey.



April 26, 2024 at 04:34 PM

PF

“ Patty & Mark Hunt, David, Dan & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beatrice Callie "Bea" Burkey.

Patty & Mark Hunt, David, Dan & family - April 26, 2024 at 01:04 PM

PF

“ *Patty & Mark Hunt, David, Dan & family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Beatrice Callie "Bea" Burkey.*



Patty & Mark Hunt, David, Dan & family - April 26, 2024 at 01:04 PM

RJ

“ *Ralph and Ruth, Jill and Bill, Janet purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Beatrice Callie "Bea" Burkey.*



Ralph and Ruth, Jill and Bill, Janet - April 26, 2024 at 11:38 AM

JR

“ *Jim and Joan, Lyndon and Karri, Steve and Lorri, Mark and Sandra - Shasteens, Forbys, and Rotherts purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Beatrice Callie "Bea" Burkey.*



Jim and Joan, Lyndon and Karri, Steve and Lorri, Mark and Sandra - Shasteens, Forbys, and Rotherts - April 26, 2024 at 10:36 AM

RP

“ I remember Bea from Mount carbon Christian Church where my father mother and I went to church there she's always a nice person and smiled very faithful to her religion sorry for your loss Roger Pierson.



Roger Pierson - April 26, 2024 at 06:13 AM

SJ

“ Smile Design, Dr. Shalane Jones planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Beatrice Callie "Bea" Burkey.

Smile Design, Dr. Shalane Jones - April 25, 2024 at 09:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Beatrice Callie "Bea" Burkey.



April 25, 2024 at 09:01 PM

SB

“ Thank you MOM for a fantastic childhood and life. Always a very very CLEAN HOME,CLEAN CLOTHES,BEST COOK EVER, ALL YOUR LOVE.All the Sanday dinners at our house with FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THANK YOU that serving GOD was not an option in our home,it WAS and IS the way you taught FRANCIE,JOE,ME and JULIE. We will do our best to HONOR and RESPECT YOUR and DADS LEGACY.
LOVE YOU FOREVER,SAM

sam burkey - April 25, 2024 at 08:52 AM

MC

Sam, i'm very sorry for your loss but love reading the love you have for your mother. Hugs my friend.

Marcia Chew - April 25, 2024 at 05:04 PM

JT

*Our deepest condolences to all the family. Such a deep loss. We know she is happiest gaining her wings. So sorry we can't be there in person to express our condolences to everyone. May God Bless you all with peace and comfort.
Love and hugs,
The Terry Family*

Janet Terry - April 26, 2024 at 06:05 PM

CW

Ms. Bea was my Sunday school teacher at Mt. Carbon Christian Church. So many wonderful memories, and such a woman of Christ. My condolences to you all. She meant much to many.

Cindy Warren - April 27, 2024 at 02:10 PM

SB

“ Aunt Bea was certainly a kind loving soul. She will be missed by so very many who loved her. I am one of those people. She didn't just talk about being a Christian, she emulated being a Christian. She didn't just Jesus preach Jesus, she showed you Jesus with the way she lived her life. And I'm sure when Jesus met her, he said to her, come in Bea , it is time to lay down your apron and rest. 🙏❤️🙏

Saundra Farmer Burkey - April 24, 2024 at 09:24 PM

JG

Bea was awonderful example of how we should live our life. I learned a lot of things from her. If you needed advice or just a shoulder to run by someone Bea was always willing to listen. She was a beautiful and wonderful person inside and out. Bea will be missed by many.

Jackie Grammer - April 25, 2024 at 02:43 PM