



Bettie M. Graff

August 28, 1934 - December 16, 2023

IN MEMORY OF:

Bettie M. Graff

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

Bettie M. Graff, age 89 of Murphysboro, passed away Saturday, December 16, 2023 at Manor Court in Carbondale, Illinois.

She was born August 28, 1934 to Loren E. and Reba (McElmurry) Carpenter in Murphysboro, Illinois. On October 10, 1952, she married her forever love, John Graff and they shared over 66 years together until his passing in 2019.

She was a member of Pleasant Hill Christian Church. Bettie worked in the restaurant business for years and ended her working career after 18 years at Stiles Office Supply. Bettie was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved her family and brought great joy to all of us. She loved her music and playing the piano at home and at her church. Bettie was so special to each and everyone of us. She will be greatly missed.

Bettie is survived by her son, Marvin Graff (Cheryl Schneider); daughters, Linda Pierce and Ruth Lee; 6 grandchildren, Jaben Graff, Shaina Graff, Charessa (Adam) Kessinger, Joe Graff, Jeremy (Kourtney) Lipscomb, and Christina Lee; 8 great-grandchildren, William, Elizabeth, Reilly, Ethan, Lillian, Harper, Liam, and Maddie; brothers, Johnny (Barb) Carpenter and Paul Carpenter.

Along with her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; sons, Kenny Graff and Karl Graff; grandchildren, Alan Loos and Tyler Graff; sister, Jeanette; brothers, Al Carpenter and Andy Carpenter; and Infant brother, Michael Carpenter.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM with a brief service at 11:30 AM with Johnny Carpenter officiating and visitation resuming until 1:00 PM at Crain Funeral Home in Murphysboro. Refreshments and snacks will be available after service.

Interment will follow the visitation at Mt. Joy Cemetery in Murphysboro.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to Mt. Joy Cemetery, in care of Robert Heiple, 407 L. Gregersen Ln. Gorham, IL 62940.

Crain Funeral Home – Murphysboro is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Mount Joy Cemetery

Mount Joy Road
Murphysboro, IL 62966

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC **19**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Downtown Murphysboro
1421 Walnut St
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 684-2131

Funeral Service

DEC **19**. 11:30 AM - 11:45 AM (cst)

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with Johnny Carpenter officiating

Visitation

DEC 19. 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM (cst)

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Interment

DEC 19. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (cst)

Mount Joy Cemetery
Mount Joy Road
Murphysboro, IL 62966

Tribute Wall



“ *Bettie and her husband John were my neighbors for many years, and were as gracious and kind as they came. I know her last years were difficult, and I take solace in knowing that she is HOME with her Lord. She was faithful, and while she was not someone who talked about it necessarily, at least not outside a conversation on the subject, you could tell that she carried that with her proudly and prominently. God bless her and hold her in his hands.* ”

Andrew Erbes - January 17, 2024 at 10:15 AM

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“ *I did not know Bettie, very well, but I worked with her husband John for years! Great man, I now follow Christ, with all my heart, sorry this is posted so late!* ”

Alex berezow - January 16, 2024 at 12:59 PM

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“ *I am sorry for your loss. Betty was one of the sweetest people I know . She will be greatly missed. May God give you all peace knowing she is at rest . 💔🙏* ”

Sam Thies - December 19, 2023 at 06:20 PM

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“ *It was my honor to be one of Bettie’s “bonus children.” Danielle and Shane were proud to be “bonus grandchildren.” All our love, Christina, Ruth, Linda, Marvin, Cheryl and family.* ”

Heather Laughland-Etherton - December 18, 2023 at 07:50 PM

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“ *An end of an era for sure! Long before my brother Dan married Linda he often worked for Bettie at the old Logan House. My brother Tom did as well; they bussed table and did whatever Bettie told them, she taught them so much. they liked her. I would wait for my brothers to get off work and Mrs. Graff would come out back, she was always nice to me.*

Marvin, Linda, and Ruthie you are in my thoughts and prayers I am so sorry for your loss.

Carol Pierce Boien

Carol - December 18, 2023 at 06:42 PM