



## Betty (Baumler) Kerley

September 5, 1923 - August 12, 2024

IN MEMORY OF:

Betty (Baumler) Kerley

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Betty (Baumler) Kerley, age 100, passed away peacefully, on August 12, 2024, at her home, in Southfield, Michigan.

Betty was born on September 5, 1923, in Murphysboro, Illinois, to Herman John “Dick” and Louise (Mileur) Baumler. She attended elementary school and junior high school, in Murphysboro, and graduated from Murphysboro Township High School, in 1941. Betty attended SIU Carbondale and received her Limited Elementary Teaching Certificate, in 1943. She taught elementary school, in Highland, Illinois and elementary school, in Murphysboro, Illinois.

Betty married James R. “Jim” Kerley on June 23, 1946. Jim was in the U.S. Navy, at that time. Their first residence was the Coco Solo Naval Air Station, in Panama. Following their 7 years living in Panama, they lived in Newport, Rhode Island and Great Lakes, Illinois, where both of their daughters were born, prior to returning to Murphysboro in 1960. Betty taught school at

Immanuel Lutheran School beginning in 1965, until the time she retired. In 2014, she relocated to Southfield, Michigan, to live with her daughter, Kay, and son-in-law, Tom. She has resided with them since that time.

Betty is survived by her daughters, Kay (Tom) LoCicero of Southfield, Michigan, and Karyn (Larry) Wright of Las Vegas, Nevada; three nieces and nephews and their families, Brenda (Steve) Estel of West Frankfort, Illinois, Billy (Carla) Quigley of Murphysboro, Illinois, and Jane Ann (John) Tiemann of Las Vegas, Nevada; many cousins; and special caregiver, Gladis Vinales, of Detroit, Michigan.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, her sister and brother-in-law, Marie (Bill) Quigley, brother-in-law and sister-in law, Lloyd (Peggy) Kerley, and her loving husband.

Cremation rites will be accorded. Inurnment will be set for a later date at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park, in Murphysboro.

The cremation of Betty Kerley was personally handled by the staff at Crain Funeral Home.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

SC

“ Dear Kaye and Karyn. So sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Skip Calandro

Skip Calandro - August 24, 2024 at 01:55 AM



“ Kay & Karen: I am so so sorry to learn of your mom's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Hugs to you both.

Bob Gonzenbach - August 22, 2024 at 05:59 PM

CB

“ Dear Kaye and Karyn, I'm sorry to learn of your Mom's passing. You are such caring daughters and took loving care of your Mom these last years. I send my love and prayers for you and your family💕🙏

Cindy Brady - August 22, 2024 at 03:30 PM

PC

“ Dear Kaye and Karyn, we are sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I remember her well from overnights at your home and as a wonderful Girl Scout leader. I hope you have comfort knowing she touched many lives. Peggy and Mike Chamness

Peggy Chamness - August 22, 2024 at 02:35 PM

DP

“ Kay and Karen, I'm so for your loss. I remember you Mother very well. She was a good Girl Scout Leader also. Remember the basement cafeteria at Lincoln school.

Darlene (Ellis) Porter - August 19, 2024 at 10:54 AM

SN

“ Kay and Karyn, so sorry for your loss. She had a full long life. Our mothers are always with us, in our hearts. You both and families are in my thoughts and prays..God be with you

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**Suzie Naegele** - August 16, 2024 at 01:21 PM

CS

“ Dear Kay and Karyn; I was just thinking about your mom on Monday and wondering how she was doing. She and mom were two years apart and they always brought that up when they would see each other in church. Mom was 98 when she passed, almost 5 years ago. Our mothers never leave us and are always with us. Please know I have had your families in my heart and prayers.

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**Cindy Althoff Stoll** - August 15, 2024 at 04:57 PM

RA

“ Betty and Jim were both such wonderful and caring people. Loved them both.  
So sorry for your loss but we know that in time you will see them again.

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**ruthelma attig** - August 15, 2024 at 12:14 PM

MM

“ Kay and Karyn. My condolences on the loss of your mother. You were so fortunate to have so many years together.

- Maurice McCann

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**Maurice J McCann** - August 15, 2024 at 08:32 AM