



Betty C. Ward

November 12, 1929 - August 27, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Betty C. Ward

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Betty C. Ward, age 95, of Murphysboro, Illinois, passed away peacefully on August 27, 2025.

She was born on November 12, 1929, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, to Emma and George Farrow.

Betty graduated from University High School in Cape Girardeau in 1947 and went on to attend Southeast Missouri State University. She was a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse before marrying and starting her family.

On August 14, 1948, Betty married the love of her life, Jerry W. Ward. Together they raised seven children: Tim Ward (Ruth), Tony Ward (Sherry), Stephanie Attig (Rick), Steve Ward, Archie Ward (June), Scott Ward (Cindy),

and Brad Ward (Christine). She was a devoted and loving mother, grandmother to 21, great-grandmother to 29, and great-great-grandmother to five. After her youngest child began school, Betty began a new chapter as a cook for the children and staff of Murphysboro School District, where she faithfully served for 26 years. She took great pride in her work and enjoyed every single day of it.

A woman of faith, Betty was a member of the United Methodist Church of Murphysboro. She was preceded in death by her parents, Emma (Perry) and George Farrow, as well as her 11 siblings, and her husband.

Betty's legacy is one of love, service, and devotion to her family and community. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, August 30, 2025 at 12:00 PM with Rev. Jim Easton officiating at Crain Pleasant Grove – Murdale Funeral Home. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM at the funeral home.

Entombment will follow the service at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum.

The family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2500
crain@crainsonline.com

Funeral Service

AUG 30. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (cst)

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Entombment

AUG 30. 12:45 PM - 1:15 PM (cst)

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum

Tribute Wall

CB

“ Betty was such a sweetheart and a great friend to my Mom and our family. I so enjoyed visiting with her at Liberty Village when we were with my Mom. She was always so positive and fun. Praying for comfort for her wonderful and ever growing family!! She loved you all and always had fun memories and pictures of you all to share. Betty was a delight ❤️

Cindy Ridley Brady - August 29, 2025 at 11:33 PM

KC

“ Knight Hawk Coal purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Betty C. Ward.



Knight Hawk Coal - August 29, 2025 at 04:56 PM

BG

“ Blake, Betsy and Grant purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Betty C. Ward.



Blake, Betsy and Grant - August 29, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty C. Ward.*



August 29, 2025 at 01:58 PM



“ *Mike Adkins & The Serenity Team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Betty C. Ward.*



Mike Adkins & The Serenity Team - August 28, 2025 at 04:19 PM