



## Carolyn Risse

May 17, 1943 - January 22, 2015

Carolyn Risse, age 71 of Carbondale, passed away Thursday, January 22, 2015 in St. Joseph Memorial Hospital.

She was born May 17, 1943 to Eddie and Eunice (Graff) McBride in Ava and was raised by Albert & Lillian McBride of Ava.

Carolyn married Richard Risse on November 6, 1965. Together they shared 41 years of marriage. He preceded her on June 14, 2007.

She retired from the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation as a Counselor-Administration Supervisor. She was a member of the University Baptist Church and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She thoroughly enjoyed helping with activities for the visually impaired.

Carolyn's greatest joy was her grandchildren, Bryan Risse and Callie Risse. She has many friends that spanned more than 50 years.

She is survived by 2 sons, Ryan Risse of Troy, IL and Brandon Risse of Robinson, IL; a grandson, Bryan Risse of Troy, IL; a granddaughter, Callie Risse of Murphysboro; a special nephew, Brent McBride; very close cousins, Glenn McBride, Barbara Gandy and Mary Ann Burkett; a sister Athalea (Nolan) Sullivan of Rockford, IL, nieces and nephews, Diane, Robert, and

Gary; other relatives and many friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Visitation will be Tuesday, January 27, 2015 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home

Funeral Services for Carolyn Risse will follow the visitation at 1:00 pm with Rev. John Annable officiating. Interment will follow at the Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Memorials can be made to the St. Francis Animal Shelter and/or a charity of donor's choice and will be accepted at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## **Pleasant Grove Memorial Park**

31 Memorial Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-1145  
[crain@crainsonline.com](mailto:crain@crainsonline.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Carolyn Risse

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ I have been sending cards to Carolyn for the past year and a half and it was only recently that her birthday card was returned to me with a forwarding address of Ava, Illinois. I was all ready to mail the card to the new address when I contacted another friend, Jan Sherburne, who informed me that Carolyn had passed away in January of 2015. I was speechless and in shock. I wish someone had let me know. I had worked with Carolyn in Peoria, Illinois, when she was a Counselor with the State of Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services. She had wisdom, integrity, and a sense of humor. I loved being her friend and being part of her life. There is no doubt in my mind that she is in Heaven and I will see her again when God calls me home. In the meantime, I want to express my belated Sympathy to her family and friends. Carolyn is greatly missed. I can only pray that her sons will not let her memory "die" and will tell their children what a wonderful person their grandmother was. With sympathy, prayers and love, Martha Dunnam in Green Valley, IL

Martha Dunnam - May 19, 2016 at 12:57 PM



“ Aine Dianne and Pete Calgaro purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Carolyn Risse.



Aine Dianne and Pete Calgaro - January 26, 2015 at 09:33 PM

LS

“ Love Bob and Cathy Sullivan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carolyn Risse.



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Love Bob and Cathy Sullivan - January 26, 2015 at 04:28 PM

RS

“ Rose Baffi, Daisy Diorio & Jerry Smith purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carolyn Risse.



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Rose Baffi, Daisy Diorio & Jerry Smith - January 26, 2015 at 02:45 PM

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“ Dearest Amy and Callie

We are so very sorry for your loss of Carolyn. I know Callie was the "apple of her eye".

Please give our condolences to the rest of the Risse family.

Always remember she is only gone in the flesh and shall remain forever in your heart.

Loveingly,

Morris & Paula Phemister

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paula phemister - January 26, 2015 at 01:16 PM



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Steve Shappard - January 24, 2015 at 03:18 PM



“ Athalea & Nolan Sullivan purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Carolyn Risse.



Athalea & Nolan Sullivan - January 24, 2015 at 12:11 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Carolyn Risse.



January 23, 2015 at 09:24 AM