



## Doris Freitag

December 4, 1930 - May 14, 2015

Doris Freitag, 84 of Carbondale, passed away at 9:12 pm on Thursday, May 14, 2015 in Manor Court.

She was born to Carl and Helen (Rogers) Freitag in Burlington, Iowa on December 4, 1930.

Doris married Louis Freitag on March 17, 1949. Together they shared 62 years of marriage. Louis passed away on December 12, 2011.

She graduated from Burlington High School and received an Associate's Degree from Burlington Jr College. After her youngest was in Kindergarten, Doris, an accomplished wordsmith, began her employment as a newspaper reporter in Clinton, Illinois. When the family relocated to Decatur, Illinois, she continued to employ her talent with words as a radio talk show host. Doris' final career path led her to CIPS in Southern Illinois where she enjoyed various positions within the company before finally retiring as the first female administrator in the state.

Believing wholeheartedly in the importance of volunteerism, Doris generously gave her time to numerous tutorial endeavors with the children of Giant City School. She relished her various roles at Epiphany Lutheran Church from service on the council to outstanding hospitality. She was delighted to be able

to donate to several charities. Her activity and leadership with SIU's Learning in Retirement were a special joy to her. Paramount among those activities was her memoirs class in which she penned many remarkable family histories and gained some extraordinary friendships. Doris loved playing bridge and counted her bridge partners as some of her dearest friends. Her favorite pastime was reading. She shared this zeal with her beloved mystery book club, the members of which were undoubtedly also very dear to her. Doris held her grandchildren in highest esteem. She was very proud of them and their many accomplishments. She considered her great-grandchildren the greatest bonus in her life.

Doris is survived by 3 daughters, Pamela (Gordon) Lindsey of Carbondale; Karen Freitag of Carbondale and Wendy Russell of Ben Lomond, CA; a son, David (Pamela) Freitag of Hot Springs, AR; grandchildren, Andrew (Heather) Lindsey; Ryan Cheperka; Nick Steffan; Michelle (Michael) Kephart; Alicia Felan; Louis (Sarah) Freitag; Megan (Schyler) Donohue; Justin Russell and Jared Russell; great-grandchildren, Courtland Lindsey, Adalind Lindsey, Sarah Kephart; Ethan Kephart; Alexis Felan; David Felan; Elijah Freitag and Gunner Donahue; and a sister, Mary Anstine of Parker, CO; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother, William Freitag and 3 sisters, Helen Rudd; Ruth Lane and Carolyn Brisby and step grandson Josh Perry Lindsey.

Visitation will be Monday, May 18, 2015 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Carbondale.

Funeral Services for Doris Freitag will be Monday, May 18, 2015 at 11:00 am at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Carbondale with Pastor Chris Repp

officiating. Memorials may be made to Centerstone or Touch of Nature via SIU Foundation.

A private inurnment will be at a later date at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

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

# Cemetery Details

## **Pleasant Grove Memorial Park**

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Doris Freitag*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *What a beautiful woman. I'll never forget her pulling my face down in front of hers and telling me she loved me. Sweetest thing ever. Her beauty shines through her family. It was a joy to know you.  
Bonnie dykstra*

**Bonnie Dykstra** - May 20, 2015 at 12:23 AM



“ *To all of Doris's family - My deepest sympathy on the loss of your Mother and Grandmother. Doris was a wonderful lady. She was my supervisor before her retirement from Ameren CIPS. It was a joy to work under her supervision. She was an extremely caring and considerate boss. I did not just consider her as a co-worker but as good friend. She was extremely proud of her family and always enjoyed life. She will be deeply missed. Always remember the good times. Sincerely, Barbara Minor*

**Barbara Minor** - May 18, 2015 at 09:39 PM

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“ I met Doris Freitag through my good friend Wendy Russell, her daughter. We were in high school, and it was the 60's. As teenagers during this tumultuous time of change, we were also changing and becoming young women, looking for ways to be feminine, and feminist, for ways to make a difference in the world, but also in the way in which we loved and would be loved by others. Meeting Doris was a such an inspiration.....here was a woman with a real job and a big family, and a welcoming home. I had never seen such a woman! My family was full of strong women who worked hard, but they worked by their husband's side or in their homes. I thought she had it all.....intelligence, a fulfilling job, humor, love, and a straightforward honest approach to life. Thinking about the blessing of her life, she was the first woman that led me to the thought.....the whole wide world is just out there waiting for us!!! jill rendleman

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**Jill Rendleman** - May 18, 2015 at 07:40 AM

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“ Karen and Pam,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Knowing you both as wonderful people you reflect well on your mom.  
With care, Barb Elam

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**barb elam** - May 15, 2015 at 11:18 PM