



Emma Lou Crews

March 28, 1932 - December 20, 2022

IN MEMORY OF:

EMMA LOU CREWS

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive (Old Route 13), Murphysboro, Illinois

Emma Lou Crews, age 90 of Carbondale and formerly of Hillsboro, passed away, Tuesday, December 20, 2022 in Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

She was born March 28, 1932 in Cobden to John Louie and Lucille (Toler) Sellars.

On June 4, 1955 she married Karlyn L. Crews. They shared 45 years of making wonderful memories. Karlyn preceded her in death on June 7, 2000.

Emma was a 1950 graduate of Cobden High School. She graduated from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale in 1954 with a bachelor's degree. She attended Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville from 1965 to 1967, receiving a master's degree in reading. In 1954 she took a teaching position in Bloomington. She was also a teacher in Hillsboro for over 20 years.

She was a member of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Hillsboro since 1962. She was also a member and first president of the LaSertoma (Humanitarian Organization) of Hillsboro. She loved her family, home, quilting, playing bridge and was an avid reader.

Emma Lou is survived by her children, Karla Crews of Carbondale; Kristy (Britt) Sullivan of Carbondale and Alan (Jayne) Crews of Glen Carbon; grandchildren, Sarah (Matthew) Castor; Denver (Sarah) Crews; Addison Winslow; Hannah (Kevin) Kozemczak and Patrick Sullivan; great-grandchildren, Jared, Anna, Emily, Emma, Michael, Keagan, Karlee, Henry, Louis and Madison; brothers, Richard "Dicky" (Cheryl) Sellars of Marseilles; Lawrence "Docky" (Letha) Sellars of Beaumont, CA, and David Sellars of Marseilles; many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a grandson, Dylan Winslow; siblings; John Sellars; Carl Sellars; Donald Sellars; Peggy Havlik; Lora Greene; Charlie Sellars; Harmon Sellars, and Daisy Crowe; and a beloved companion, Doctor Willard Johnson.

Funeral Services for Emma Lou Crews will be Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at 2:00 pm in Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home, 31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, IL 62966 with Pastor Matt Ferguson officiating.

Interment will follow in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Visitation will be Monday, December 26, 2022 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm and Tuesday, December 27, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Kemmerer Village Foster Care/Adoption and Child Service Agency, 941 N 2500 E Road, Assumption, Illinois 62510 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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
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Visitation

DEC **27**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

DEC **27**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Emma Lou Crews*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Lou was one of the nicest people I ever met. ...Neighbors to my family when I was a young child, myself, the whole Crews family was special family to my family. We all blended in a family way that I hope never goes out of style. God love you, Lou! My folks will sure be glad to see you. ...Heaven for me would be to go back to being that little girl and you guys being our neighbors again. ❤️*

Jill Shoemaker - March 11, 2023 at 10:02 PM



“ *Sorry to read in The Hillsboro Journal-News that Mrs Crews had passed away. With Sympathy of former Hillsboro Jr. High Students, Laura Williamson & Jason Williamson & former neighbor, Pam Williamson.*

Pam Williamson - January 03, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Joan, Paul, Verla, Vernell, Beverly, Jane purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Emma Lou Crews.*



Joan, Paul, Verla, Vernell, Beverly, Jane - December 23, 2022 at 09:57 AM

JO

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I am Willard Johnson's granddaughter and Lou was always so warm and friendly with me and the rest of his family. My thoughts are with you all.

- JoBeth Johnson Hodges

JoBeth - December 22, 2022 at 08:34 PM

LG

“ Karla, my condolences to you and your family for your loss.

Lou Gambetta - December 22, 2022 at 12:54 PM

CS

“ To all of Emma Lou's family, I am so very sorry to hear of her passing. I always enjoyed visiting with her when I would take Mom (Mary Sue Treece) up to Carbondale to visit with Carl. She was always so gracious & welcoming. Emma Lou & my Dad, Bill Treece, were Class of 1950 Appleknockers. I'll be praying for you all. May our loving Lord give you peace. I know she is with Him. Carole (Treece) Scaggs

Carole (Treece) Scaggs - December 22, 2022 at 09:36 AM

JJ

“ Karla, Kristy, and Alan: We are very sorry for the loss of your mother, and our prayers are with you and your families.
/s/ Jon & Dee Ann Johnson

Jon L. Johnson - December 22, 2022 at 04:33 AM

VN

“ Many memories of Lou in P. W. and church. She is missed.

Van & Carol Naylor - December 21, 2022 at 08:33 PM