Florence Yvonne Brown

May 29, 2022

IN MEMORY OF:
Yvonne Brown

Serving Location:
CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME
31 Memorial Drive (Old Route 13), Murphysboro, Illinois

Yvonne Brown, 91, of Carbondale died on Monday, January 4, 2021 at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale of complications from Covid.

She is survived by her children Susan Barnes of Cobden, Debra Doyle (Jean Wolf) of Atlanta, Georgia, and David Brown (Renata) of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; sister Joyce Boyd (Harry) of Lake Junaluska, North Carolina; sister-in-law Pam Brown of Dallas, Texas; grandsons Damian Doyle (Stefanie) of Washington D.C., Johnny Barnes and Joshua Barnes of Cobden; great grandchildren Thisbe, Rafael, Asa, Monet, and Logan; 4 nephews; and 7 nieces.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Wilbur; father J. Erby Hastings and mother Florence (Neal) Hastings of Carbondale; brother John Hastings and his wife Lillian Goddard of Royal Oak, Michigan; brother-in-law Larry Brown of Dallas, Texas; sister-in-law Bettie (Brown) McGee Townsend of

Collinsville; and son-in-law John Barnes of Cobden.

Born on February 26, 1929 in East St. Louis, Yvonne lived in Marissa, Illinois until age 14 when her family moved to Carbondale. She graduated in 1947 from Carbondale Community High School where she met her future husband Wilbur. They were high school sweethearts and were devoted to each other throughout their 67 years of marriage.

Yvonne worked at Doctor's Hospital (now Memorial Hospital of Carbondale) and the Carbondale Clinic for over 25 years. She retired after working several years for Dr. Adirau Palagiri, MD.

Yvonne enjoyed a good laugh and an inch of wine from time to time. She loved gardening, animals and her family. She especially enjoyed spending time with her 'dumb kids' who were forevermore called that after failing to properly identify a certain type of potato. Yvonne was a happy person by nature, satisfied with simple pleasures. Yvonne and Wilbur loved to travel and visited all 50 United States and several countries overseas. One of their favorite things to do was taking Sunday afternoon drives throughout the countryside, often stopping for pie or cobbler on the way home.

A few years after Wilbur's death in 2015, she moved into Liberty Village in Carbondale and lived there until her death. She had many friends at Liberty Village and spent many hours a day playing Yahtzee and Uno with her 'card girls'. She also enjoyed a special friendship with Jim Ellis, with whom she shared many happy times, including a 13-hour car trip to Branson, Missouri (made longer than planned due to an adventure crossing the Mississippi River during a flood).

Yvonne was a long-time member of University Baptist Church in Carbondale as well as Red Hats and the Hickory Ridge Golf dinner group.

The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Evelyn Gates, Karen McMinn, and Lili McBride for the care and companionship they provided to Yvonne over the past two years. Many thanks also to Kathy Gendron, director at Liberty Village, for her support.

Because of the pandemic, no services were held last year. Cremation rites have been accorded. Private inurnment was in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 11:00 AM in Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home, 31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, IL 62966 with Rev. John Annable officiating. Visitation will be from 10:00 AM until the hour of the service at the funeral home.

Those who wish to remember Yvonne in a special way can make a gift in her memory to University Baptist Church (700 South Oakland, Carbondale, IL 62901).

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **4**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM

Susan, Debbie and David, I am so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Condolences from the Searcy family.
Martha Searcy
Linda McCowen
Mary Ellen Searcy

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Sending my love and condolences to the Brown friends and family. It was an honor to have helped Yvonne these past 2 years. She was spunky and always on the go. Enjoyed Uno, Bingo, and other games with friends at her Liberty Village Apt Complex. Enjoyed dressing up and getting her hair done with Trish at the local salon there. She loved to move things and keep her apt clean and decorated. She loved music, parties, going on trips, eating in and out, going to plays, dramas, and dance recitals. Loved her husband and children very much. Loved all her friends who took time to be with her and help her get to the right destinations. Very pleasant. Wanted to always know the weather and how to plan her day. Very organized with calendars and resources and expected those helping her will not steer her in wrong directions. She had trust, love, and faith like no other. She loved her Kitty so much that they would eat together and sometimes snuggle together. Never a dull moment with this lovely woman's life. Loved to do crafts. Won many Bingo prizes and had craft items galore in her tiny apt. If she was uncomfortable with a situation she would voice her concerns. Amazing woman. Will miss her.....and knows she is now up in heaven reunited with her husband and inlaws as well as others. Keep her legacy in your hearts, souls, and minds. Nellie Brown....her Mother-in-Law was my first elderly friend at University Baptist Church years ago.....and it was awesome to attach Yvonne's family in that same wonderful friendship circle. Hugs, Prayers. Karen McNeely McMinn Carbondale IL

Karen McNeely McMinn - January 16, 2021 at 01:26 PM