



## Frances Geraldine "Gerry" Summers

June 1, 1925 - August 23, 2023

### IN MEMORY OF:

Frances Geraldine "Gerry" Summers

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

Frances Geraldine "Gerry" Summers, 98, passed away August 23, 2023, at Rochester Estates in Rochester, Illinois. She was born on June 1, 1925, the daughter of Ray and Frankie Parmley. She lived all but the final year of her life in Murphysboro, Illinois, and was a dedicated mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She married Earl B. Summers on June 7, 1952. Mr. Summers preceded her in death. Mrs. Summers is survived by a daughter, Peggy (Mike) Chamness, of Rochester, and a son, David (Dawn) Summers of Naperville, Illinois. She also is survived by granddaughters Angela (Craig) Foxall of Rochester, Cindy (Devon) Warren of Rochester, Laurel Summers of Dallas, Texas, and Delaney Summers of Phoenix, Arizona, as well as great-granddaughter Jori Fleck, and great-grandsons Kale and Liam Fleck and Jacob Foxall, all of Rochester, as well as bonus great grandchildren Avery, Aubrey and Brynlee Warren, all of Rochester. Mrs. Summers also was preceded in death by brothers Willard and Norman Parmley and sisters Marie Cain and Dorothy Crain. She also is survived by many nieces, nephews, and grand nieces and nephews with

whom she loved to visit.

Mrs. Summers worked for many years for the power company in Murphysboro, at the Illinois Department of Public Aid and at the First Christian Church of Murphysboro, where she also was a member. She graduated from Murphysboro Township High School and is believed to be the last surviving member of the Class of 1943.

She loved being a homemaker and especially hosting family gatherings. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren fondly remember “Grandma Great’s” cooking ability, especially the pancake breakfasts she would often make for them. She also treasured her many friendships in Murphysboro and her longtime neighbors in the Logan Street area where she lived for more than 60 years. She was especially grateful to neighbors Bill and Glenda Martin and niece Janet (Crain) Overturf and her late husband Roy Overturf for their support that helped her to be able to stay in her home up until the past few months.

Visitation will be from 1-2:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 17 at Crain Funeral Home in Murphysboro with services at 2:30 p.m. A Private family interment will follow at Tower Grove Cemetery in Murphysboro.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to HSHS Illinois Home Care (503 N. Maple St., Effingham, IL, 62401), which provides hospice services.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Crain Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Tower Grove Cemetery

Murphysboro, IL

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

SEP 17. 2:30 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Downtown Murphysboro  
1421 Walnut St  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 684-2131

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Frances Geraldine "Gerry" Summers*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frances Geraldine "Gerry" Summers.*



September 14, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Peggy and David, I really loved your Mom and Dad and have such good memories of spending nights at your home in our teens! I think of Gerry every time i use my cookie cutters from my wedding shower that she helped host in her living room. And I will miss her Christmas cards. She always included glowing reports of her family! Your Mom and Dad were believers in Christ and truly were part of our country's "Great Generation!" Steve and I send our love and prayers for peace and comfort for you and your families 🧡 🙏🙏*  
*Steve & Cindy Brady*



**Cindy Brady** - September 04, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Peggy, David, and families, so sorry to read you've lost you much loved mother. I remember her well. Always such a sweet lady. My deepest sympathy to you all, may she rest in peace. ❤️*

**Suzie Naegele** - August 29, 2023 at 09:16 PM

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“ So Sorry for this DEAR Family's loss of such a special lady as well as her husband Earl!d known them for a long time and considered it an honor the few times I got to take them out to eat, or stop by n give the zChristmas goodies something small.. I've been married 38 years now n still have the beautiful gift they gave us. I'll always cherrieries the memories,. Now there joined together again. My prayers for the family n friends to lean on Jesus everlasting arms until we meet again. Much love.

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**Berta Brown** - August 26, 2023 at 11:09 AM