



Julia F. Summers

August 26, 1928 - September 7, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Julia F. Summers

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – CAIRO
4815 Sycamore Street, Cairo, Illinois

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our precious mother, Julia Summers, of Columbia, South Carolina, on Sunday, September 7, 2025. Julia, surrounded by her three daughters, peacefully ascended from her earthly body into the glorious arms of our loving Father, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Our mother, Julia, was one of the strongest, kindest, loyal and joyful women to ever walk this earth. Our family and friends are blessed to have had her in our lives for 97 years and 12 days.

Julia (or Julie or Judy or Momma, Mom, Mother, Grandma...she didn't care what name her family and friends called her, as long as they kept in touch) married Frederick Artelle Summers on November 24, 1948 in Cairo, Illinois.

Artelle (or Art or Daddy or Grandpa) earned his angel wings on February 7, 2005. Together they had three daughters, Cynthia Platt (Ron) of Columbia, South Carolina, Stacy Johnson of Chapin, South Carolina and Stephanie Hemminghaus (Doug) of Blythewood, South Carolina. Julia was deeply loved by her six grandchildren, Andrew Christensen (Jasmine) of Florissant, Missouri, Lucas Johnson of Columbia, South Carolina, Logan Johnson of Columbia, South Carolina, Harrison Hemminghaus of Arlington, Virginia, Mason Hemminghaus of Blythewood, South Carolina and Campbell Hemminghaus of Blythewood, South Carolina. Julia finally added the title of Great Grandmother, when Andrew and Jasmine welcomed the most beautiful princess, Naomi, on November 2, 2023. We will never be able to fill the places in our hearts that are now left hollow.

Julia was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Artelle, her brother, Billy Harrison, her mother Mamie Bell Newbill and father, Leon Amos Harrison. Her daughters and sons-in-law, grandchildren and great granddaughter survive to carry on her courage, tenacity, humor, strength and love.

While born in Tennessee, Julia spent most of her life in Cairo, Illinois where her children were born and raised. Julia was an active and longtime member of Tigert Memorial Methodist Church, the Ginko Garden Club and women's social sorority, Beta Sigma Phi.

Julia was a passionate seamstress who was a savior to many who rushed to her house for a last-minute alteration or lost button needing replaced. She created amazing and unique clothing, pillows and bedding, window treatments and so many other designs. Unfortunately, her daughters did not inherit these skills. Julia enjoyed greatly cooking, often producing meals from memory, taste testing and experimenting. She also loved to shop for bargains and could be found almost every weekend at department store sales, comparing

prices. This passion Julia did pass along to her daughters who continue to never “pay full retail price” for anything.

Our family sends a heartfelt thank you to the staff at NHC Parklane in Columbia, SC for their special care given to our mother.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, September 15, 2025 at 12:00 PM with Rev. Doug Atkins officiating at Crain Funeral Home, 4815 Sycamore, Cairo, Illinois 62914. A Visitation and Remembrance ceremony will be held from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM at the funeral home.

Interment will follow at the Mound City National Cemetery where Julia will rest with her husband Artelle.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to the Mound City National Cemetery Preservation Commission, Inc, PO Box 45, Mound City, Illinois 62963.

Crain Funeral Home in Cairo is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Mound City National Cemetery

Mound City, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 15. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Cairo
4815 Sycamore
Cairo, IL 62914
(618) 734-4291
crain@crainsonline.com

Funeral Service

SEP 15. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (cst)

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Interment

SEP 15. 12:45 PM - 1:15 PM (cst)

Mound City National Cemetery
Mound City, IL

Tribute Wall

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Death is something we will all encounter and if we don't make a decision now before we die, about giving our lives to Him, we will face serious consequences for rejecting Him and His love for us, after our departure from this world. Jesus paid a tremendous price for us by taking the wrath of God on the cross, on our behalf, for our sins and rebellion against God. God, being our Creator, sent Jesus, His Son, to lay down His life for us, so we would never have to face God's eternal judgement once we leave this earth. Death is not the end for any of us. We will all live on, but where is determined by whether or not we surrender our lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ who is the only way to God the Father and to our salvation from sin, death and destruction. Jesus is only a prayer away. A simple prayer like "Lord Jesus, I believe you are God's Son who He sent to pay the price for my mistakes, sins, and rebellion against God. Please forgive me for all I have done in rebelling against you, Lord.

I now give and surrender my life to you and ask that you be my Lord and Savior. Thank you for saving me from God's eternal judgement and allowing me to now be a part of you and your royal family forever. In your name, I pray. Amen. " God bless you and keep you always during this hour of your grief. I pray you will realize that you're never alone when you're in Christ Jesus. His Word guarantees us He will never leave or forsake us.

DJ - October 04, 2025 at 04:40 AM

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DJ - October 02, 2025 at 05:10 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Julia F. Summers*.



September 10, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ *I am really sadden by the loss of such a beautiful soul. That smile is contagious and her laugh was unforgettable. We are going to miss you Ms. Summers. To the family, stay strong. NHC Parklane loves you all. -Timmele-*

Timmele Savage - September 09, 2025 at 12:35 PM