



Mary Ellen Searcy

February 1, 1923 - September 3, 2022

IN MEMORY OF:
MARY ELLEN SEARCY

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

Mary Ellen Searcy, age 99 of Carterville, and formerly of Carbondale, passed away, Saturday, September 3, 2022 in Shawnee Senior Living, Herrin.

She was born February 1, 1923 in White County, Illinois.

On July 24, 1943 she married Marion Searcy. They shared 69 years of making wonderful lasting memories. He preceded her on April 13, 2012.

Mary Ellen was a dental assistant for Dr. Clifford Neill in Carbondale for 25 years.

She was a longtime member of the Grace United Methodist Church of Carbondale for over 70 years. She held many positions in the church over the years, Sunday School Teacher; Choir Member; on the Administrative Board and was very active with the many luncheons.

Mary Ellen also served for many years with the United Methodist Women organization. She loved to quilt, read and cook.

Her greatest joy was spending quality time with her family.

Mary Ellen is survived by her daughters, Linda (John) McCowen of Carterville and Martha Searcy (Diane Hagan) of Phoenix, AZ; grandchildren, Kelly (Paul) Richard; Scott (Alison) Searcy); James Searcy; Amanda (Robert) Dill; Wade McCowen; Staci McCowen; great-grandchildren, Patrick Richard; Sean Richard; Mike Rains; Sean Rains; Nathalie Rains; Connor Searcy; Hunter Dill; Tanner Dill; Shane McCowen and Stephanie Brown; many other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Marion Searcy and a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Patty Searcy.

Funeral Services for Mary Ellen Searcy will be Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 2:00 pm in Grace United Methodist Church with Rev. Larry Gilbert and Pastor Marty McMichael officiating. Interment will follow in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Visitation will be from noon until the hour of service at the church.

Memorials are encouraged and may be directed to Grace United Methodist Church.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

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

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 10. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Grace United Methodist Church
220 N Tower Rd
Carbondale, IL 62901

Funeral Service

SEP 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

Grace United Methodist Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ellen Searcy*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *To Linda, Martha, and all the Searcy family, my deepest sympathy in the death of Mrs. Searcy. I remember her well; she was a beautiful and kind lady. She, and all the Seacry family, was very much a part of my childhood on Marion Street, Grace Methodist Church, Lincoln School, et.al. We are truly blessed with all the wonderful people God puts in our life.*

Chris Brandhorst Misker

chris brandhorst misker - September 10, 2022 at 10:40 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Searcy.*



September 09, 2022 at 10:19 PM



“ *To Linda and the entire family, we wish to share our sympathies with each of you.*

Roger D Norman - September 09, 2022 at 07:34 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Searcy.*



September 09, 2022 at 01:00 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Searcy.*



September 09, 2022 at 12:06 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Searcy.*



September 08, 2022 at 10:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Searcy.*



September 08, 2022 at 10:29 PM

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“ *Fond memories of Mr and Mrs Searcy, as they were friends with my parents, Bill and Wilma Miriani. Mr Searcy worked with my father at the Post Office. Prayers and our deepest sympathies from the Miriani family.*

Kathy Miriani Lynn

Kathy Lynn - September 08, 2022 at 05:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Searcy.*



September 08, 2022 at 08:36 AM

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“ *My condolences to the family. Marion and Mary Ellen were my friends and neighbors in Carbondale for many years and I adored both of them. I'd see Mary Ellen 3-4 times a year and always enjoyed catching up with her. She was such a joy to be around.*

Sharon Crowell - September 07, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Searcy.*



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Searcy.*



September 07, 2022 at 05:51 PM



“ *Mary Ellen Searcy was a beautiful lady of faith and character. Because of distance and circumstance we didn't keep in touch for years but when we did it was a beautiful experience. Mary Ellen helped me through delivery of my second child, Shannon by holding my hand and being there. She taught me how to make Lasagna which everyone raves about! We were both dental assistants so we enjoyed each other's stories. We were both officers in the local Dental Assistant Society. I will always love her memory and know for sure she is home with Jesus and her beloved family who went before her. God bless and keep you my friend. 🙏😊❤️*

Virginia Fleming (Ginger) - September 05, 2022 at 11:17 AM



My Thoughts & Prayer's are with Mary Ellen's Family. I grew up around Mary Ellen & Family at Grace Methodist Church, Carbondale, IL. RIP, Mary Ellen

Frances Yow Crawshaw - September 07, 2022 at 03:56 PM



Mary Ellen and Marion were special members of our Grace Choir. I loved them both and enjoyed sitting with Mary Ellen in church when I returned to Grace to visit.

Kay Deffley - September 08, 2022 at 09:25 AM

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My sincere condolences to the family for the loss of Mary. She was a beautiful lady inside and out. Linda, I'm so sorry I couldn't come to the funeral. You are in my prayers.

Sharon Pope - September 11, 2022 at 11:49 PM