



## Rowena Baltzell

May 13, 1933 - September 24, 2017

Rowena E. Baltzell, 84, of Murphysboro, passed away at 12:16 a.m. Sunday, September 24, 2017, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

Rowena was born on May 13, 1933, in Anna, Illinois, to Leon Wanstreet and Juanita (Highland) Wanstreet.

She was a homemaker and she did a lot of sewing and making crafts. She raised miniature dachshunds with "doxins4you".

She was raised Catholic.

Mrs. Baltzell was a member of the American Legion Post # 127 Ladies Auxiliary and the V.F.W. Post # 7190 Ladies Auxiliary, both of Murphysboro.

Rowena married Billy Jack Staples on November 28, 1952, and he preceded her in death on November 11, 1994, and she later married Fount Baltzell and he preceded her in death on November 3, 2003.

She is survived by two children Tina Tennison and her husband Gary Tennison of DuQuoin and John Staples and his companion Ingrid Reyes of Alto Pass;

four grandchildren Shannon Clark of Peoria, Crystal Kitchen and her boyfriend Scott Degenhardt of Pinckneyville, Jennifer Melvin and her husband T. J. Melvin of DuQuoin, and Savannah Mae Staples of Mulkeytown;

and five great grandchildren Austin Hagston and his fiancée Aireal Collins of Pinckneyville, Dalton Day, Mercedes Day, and Dedrick Melvin, all of DuQuoin, and Brooklyn Clark, of Benton.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Her body will be cremated and gravesite services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, September 28, 2017, at Walker Hill Cemetery at Grand Tower with Father Gary Gummersheimer officiating. Everyone is to meet at the cemetery. For more information, please visit [www.pettettfuneralhome.com](http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rowena Baltzell*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Tina and Families,*

*You have my sympathy in the passing of your mother. May GOD grant you HIS peace which surpasses ALL understanding.*

*Stephen Moss*

**Stephen Moss** - September 29, 2017 at 11:16 AM



“ *Tina & John, I was heart broken to hear about your mom. I will miss our daily phone calls and visits. Rowena was a great friend to me and I will never forget her. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Regina Weber Jones** - September 26, 2017 at 08:45 AM



“ *Tina and John I'm so sorry for your loss! I loved Rowena she was a big part of my life growing up(her and mom sure knew how to have fun). Prayers for all the family.*

**Deb Gillooly Jones** - September 25, 2017 at 08:16 PM