



Carol Batterham

February 11, 1930 - February 1, 2013

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Mattoon, IL-Carol Batterham, age 82, of Mattoon, IL, passed away at Mattoon Health Care, at 2:42 a.m., Friday, February 1, 2013.

The funeral service in her honor will begin at 4:00 p.m., Monday, February 4, 2013, at the First Presbyterian Church located at 10 Charleston Avenue East, Mattoon, IL 61938. Reverend John Helgeson will officiate. Visitation will be held from 2:00-4:00 p.m., at the church. Burial will take place in Union Cemetery. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Born February 11, 1930, in Chicago, IL, Carol was the daughter of Wayne I. and Agnes (Blanks) Kirby. She married Ronald Batterham, in 1952. He survives in Mattoon, IL. Survivors include a son, Tom Batterham and wife Mary of Naperville, IL, and daughter Jean Canman of Ballwin, MO; three grandchildren, Lauren, Michael, & Greg; and a sister, Jean Broehl of Hanover, NH. Carol was preceded in death by her parents and an infant child.

Raised in Riverside, IL, Carol attended public schools there. In her senior year of high school she was selected to be a vocal soloist with the Oak Park River Forest Symphony. In 1952, Carol graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor's of Science in Speech Correction Therapy. While attending there, she served as president of Zeta Tau Alpha and was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega social sorority. After graduating in 1952, she and Ron moved to Rome, NY. While there, she spent one year teaching primary school at the Central New York School for the Deaf. After moving to

Decatur, IL in 1954, they began their family. Their son Tom was born in 1956 and daughter Jean in 1958. Carol worked as a speech correctionist in public elementary schools for 5 years. She later obtained a degree in library science and worked at Millikin University for 15 years before retiring in 1987. While living in Decatur, she was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church, Junior Welfare, American Association of University of Women, Theatre 7, the Decatur Public Library Board.

Carol and Ron moved to Mattoon in 1989. There she became a member of Delta Theta Tau, PEO Chapter MF, Literary Club, and joined the First Presbyterian Church. Together with friends, she also formed the Friends of the Mattoon Public Library in 1994.

Carol's interests included traveling across North America and overseas, genealogy, quilting, sewing, knitting, crocheting, reading, music, and theater. She was an avid collector of antique colored glass, dolls, purses, cats, holiday decorations, and much, much more.

Memorials in her honor may be made to the Mattoon Public Library.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with her family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Carol Batterham*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Jeanne Helm and I have been reminiscing over email about our participation as little flower girls in Carol and Ron's wedding back in 1952. We were five and six years old and wore the most beautiful blue long dresses we had ever seen in our lives! We both loved those dresses. The aisle seemed long but we did what we were supposed to (rather nervously) and walked slowly, carefully dropping flower petals. A nice warm memory. My sympathies to Ron, Jean, and Tom and your families.*

Beverly Briggs - February 08, 2013 at 01:02 AM



“ *Dear Ron,*

I am so sorry for your loss. Carol was an enjoyable person to be around. I admired her goodwill. She was truly a grand lady. God's blessings to you and your family.

Christie Wright - February 07, 2013 at 12:15 PM



“ *To Ronald Batterham & Family,*

Rob,

My sincere sympathies upon Carol's "passing". Carol was a an outstanding person in everything she became involved. May the Good Lord give you the mental and physical strength to overcome your loss of one so close to you Ron.

Betty & Bill Braun

Betty & Bill Braun - February 06, 2013 at 06:30 PM