



Elizabeth J. Bailey

May 7, 1930 - November 28, 2024

Elizabeth "Betty" J. Bailey age 94 of Mattoon IL passed away on Thursday, November 28, 2024, at Odd Fellow-Rebekah Home.

A funeral Mass in her honor will be held at 10 AM, Thursday, December 5, 2024, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church located at 320 N. 21st St., Mattoon, IL 61938. A committal service will immediately follow at Calvary Cemetery in Mattoon IL. The visitation will be held from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM, Wednesday evening, December 4, 2024, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Elizabeth was born on May 7, 1930, in Mattoon IL to the late E. Glen and Elizabeth C. (Littleton) Nichols. She married James R. Bailey in January 1947; he preceded her in death on March 23, 1990.

She is survived by eleven children: Cynthia L. Hillary of Tampa, FL, Sally C. Russell of Shelbyville, IL, Susan K. (Denny) Allen of Estero, FL, James R. (Fran) Bailey of Conway, AR, Christie R. Randall of Charleston, IL, Rebecca A. (Gary) Gangi of Chapel Hill, NC, John E. (Jean) Bailey of Mattoon, IL, Jeff M. (Teri) Bailey of Charleston, IL, Anthony G. (Sheryl) Bailey of Hope Mills, NC, Angela M. Leon of Monroe, CT, and Lisa R. Doggett of Flowery Branch, GA; thirty-one grandchildren; forty-four great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Paula J. Duncan of Seffner, FL, sister-in-law, Maralyn Nichols of Mattoon, IL. She is preceded in death by

one son, Joseph W. Bailey on March 22, 2018; brother, Mike C. Nichols on January 11, 2021; and brother-in-law, Dan Duncan on December 12, 2009.

Betty was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Mattoon, IL. She worked as a Certified Nurses Aid at Mattoon Hospital for many years and then continued her career at Monroe Hospital in Ocala, FL.

While living in Ocala,FL, Elizabeth lived in a resort style retirement community called On Top of the World. She participated in many amenities and recreational activities there, especially swimming and taking day trips to plays and sightseeing. She enjoyed playing bridge with her friends and traveling to other countries with her family and friends.

In 2005, Betty moved back home to Mattoon, IL to be near her family and friends that she missed dearly. She was the matriarch of the family who was a devoted and loving mother and grandmother who always placed her family first. They were the center of her life. She will be remembered for her warmth, selflessness, and dedication to her loved ones.

Betty will be cherished and remembered by all who knew her.

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

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.
1200 Wabash Ave
Mattoon, IL 61938
(217) 234-8828
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<https://www.mitchell-jerdan.com/>

Service

DEC 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
320 N 21st St
Mattoon, IL 61938-2731
(217) 235-0539

Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Kathi Janssen Cobble lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth J. Bailey*



kathi janssen cobble - December 06, 2024 at 12:03 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elizabeth J. Bailey.*



December 03, 2024 at 05:08 PM

TF

“ *The Hillary Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elizabeth J. Bailey.*



The Hillary Family - December 03, 2024 at 08:29 AM

BS

“ *Brenda Starwalt lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth J. Bailey*



Brenda Starwalt - December 02, 2024 at 10:42 AM

FO

“ Our family and other Catholic families many years ago would camp at various locations in Illinois. She had a great sense of humor and was always so friendly and kind to all she met. She will surely be missed by her family and friends that knew her well. Eternal rest grant unto her soul, O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God. Rest in peace. Amen. Fr. Edward Ohm



Fr. Edward Ohm - November 30, 2024 at 05:26 PM

DH

“ So long Betty. I was glad to know you. We had some good conversations.

Dwight Hardin - November 29, 2024 at 10:13 PM

PS

“ Oh Betty, you will be missed so deeply. What a good friend and person you were! I loved hearing stories about Florida and the cruises you and your friends went on. The endless stories of raising 12 children! My condolences to your family and may they find comfort knowing you are at peace. I will miss you always! It was an honor and privilege to know and care for you.

Penny Shinholster - November 29, 2024 at 05:01 PM

MR

My condolences to the family my prayer are with you

Margie Raymond - November 29, 2024 at 05:48 PM

TA

“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire Bailey family..... Todd Atkinson*

Todd Atkinson - November 29, 2024 at 02:34 PM