



Lila Lee Branson

October 4, 1934 - June 29, 2021

Lila Lee Branson, age 86 of Mattoon, IL passed away Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at 4:10 PM at her residence in Mattoon, IL.

A funeral service in her honor will be held at 6:00 PM, Wednesday, July 7, 2021, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938; Reverend Ron Dickinson will officiate. A visitation will be held from 4:00 PM until the time of service at the funeral home.

Lila was born October 4, 1934, in Stewardson, IL to the late Louise Alma Quast. She was raised by her mother and stepfather Merton Rohlf. She married Keith D. Branson on June 15, 1952, in Mattoon, IL; he preceded her in death on September 5, 2014. She is survived by one son, Rick K. Branson and wife Debbie of Lerna, IL; two daughters, Christie L. Lawrence and husband Jim of Mattoon, IL, Carla S. Jackson and husband Mark of Mattoon, IL; six grandchildren, Krista A. Branson, Kasey L. Lawrence, Clint R. Lawrence and wife Laine, Tyson B. Sledge and wife Danielle, M. Tate Jackson, Avery E. Jackson; four step-grandchildren, M. Jason Lee, Lisa Drury and husband Chuck, Derek Runnels, Misty Janssen; four great-grandchildren, Gavin Lawrence, Ava Sledge, Everett Sledge, Brynlee Lawrence; seven step great-grandchildren; one step great-great grandchild; and one aunt, Dorothy Camic.

A homemaker, Lila raised her children and created a home filled with laughter and love. Family was an important fixture in Lila's life and never missed an opportunity to be surrounded by loved ones. Lila was a devoted grandmother,

always attending recitals and sporting events as the designated office keeper of the family's sports statistics and biggest cheerleader.

Lila was an active member of Mattoon Area Family YMCA and Mattoon Golf and Country Club, where she spent endless hours playing tennis and golf. She looked forward to her weekly card games with her Bridge Club and the friendships that were made over time and treasured for years.

Lila will be remembered for her energetic spirit and kind nature. She will be missed by many and was loved by all.

Memorials in her honor may be made to Mattoon Area Family YMCA, 221 N 16th Street, Mattoon, IL, 61938.

Please visit www.mitchelljerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfunerahome to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Service

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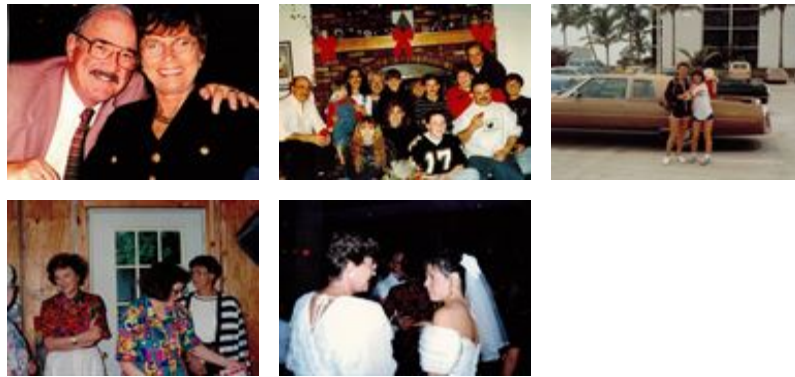


“ *Lila Lee Branson*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *101 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - July 06, 2021 at 05:44 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lila Lee Branson.*



July 06, 2021 at 03:06 PM

MF

“ *Melanie Quast Farmer lit a candle in memory of Lila Lee Branson*



Melanie Quast Farmer - July 06, 2021 at 01:02 PM

EC

*Good morning, and heartfelt condolences to you, Lila's family. My mother is Dorothy Cutright; Dad, George Cutright passed two years ago. I would marvel at your Mom's sweet, kind and loving demeanor as I left the YMCA; 3-4 times each week! Her attention was focused on the children, in the babysitting area:)
Anne Cutright*

Elizabeth Cutright - July 14, 2021 at 12:44 PM

MH

“ *A friend I will miss, looking forward to seeing her on other side, was surprised when Rick called me to break the sad news. God be with you all.*

marge henning - July 05, 2021 at 09:24 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lila Lee Branson.*



July 04, 2021 at 11:36 PM



“ *My mom, Margaret Dodd, was Lila's high school best friend. I believe Lila even lived with mom and my grand parents for a short while. I've heard about Lila as long as I can remember. Over the last several years, I and my children have brought mom back to Mattoon to visit. Once my aunt and uncle, Judy and Phil Carter, began having health issues, we would stay with Lila. She welcomed us like family. I distinctly remember a call from my then 15 year old daughter telling me about being driven around town by two eighty-year old women while they relived their teen memories. Mom is no longer able to travel, so she isn't able to be there in person, but she is feeling the loss of her oldest friend very deeply. You are in our thoughts.*

David Dodd - July 02, 2021 at 11:27 AM

KC

“ *Kathi L Cobble lit a candle in memory of Lila Lee Branson*



kathi l cobble - July 02, 2021 at 09:43 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lila Lee Branson.*



July 01, 2021 at 09:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lila Lee Branson.*



July 01, 2021 at 06:12 PM



“ *Lila and I shared grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She never missed the ball games and most times the one yelling the most. Lila was a great travel partner. She and I made a trip to New Zealand and Japan and she never met anyone that was a stranger for long. As soon as we were introduced to someone new she would begin a conversation as if she had known them all her life. Always willing to try something new and never backing down with the different foods we were presented with on our travels. She is one lady that is going to be missed very much. my thoughts and prayers go out to the family.*

Judy Smith

Judy Smith - July 01, 2021 at 03:53 PM