



Ada Frances Bennett

July 12, 1924 - October 31, 2017

Ada Frances “Fran” Bennett, 93 of Centralia, passed away Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at Carlyle Healthcare Center.

She was born July 12, 1924 in Centralia, daughter of George W. Cox and Jennie Mae (Cecil) Cox. She married Ivan K. Bennett on November 1, 1945 and he preceded her in death on June 1, 1996.

Fran is survived by two daughters: Jeanne Anne Horner and husband Tom of Carlyle and Gaye Lynn Loufek and husband Rick of Aurora; five grandchildren: Tonica Anderson and husband Trey of Carterville, Brooklyn Simonton and husband Brad of Carlyle, Drew Hoelscher and wife Chelsea of Glen Carbon, Brentley Loufek of Aurora, and Hayley Loufek of Aurora; seven great-grandchildren: Braiden and Bryce Anderson both of Carterville, Hayden, Harper, and Harlyn Hoelscher all of Glen Carbon, and Cash and Maci Simonton both of Carlyle; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, seven brothers: Arnold Cox, William G. "Bill" Cox, George W. “Geno” Cox, Philbert J. "PJ" Cox, Jesse “Spike” Cox, Cecil James Cox, and Gerald George Cox, and two sisters: Bernice Hoeinghaus and Jane Perrone.

She was a graduate of Centralia Township High School, where she was May Fete Queen in 1942. Fran’s greatest enjoyments were serving as a soloist and ensembler with her dear friend, Vivian Vogel, listening to or watching Cardinal baseball, attending Orphan basketball games, crocheting, and spending time with her family and friends.

In her career, Fran worked as a telephone operator for Illinois Bell for many years, including serving as an operator during World War II. Later in life she had multiple clerical positions at Warren G. Murray Development Center until her retirement.

She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church where she served on multiple committees, children's Sunday School teacher, and as the cherub choir and junior choir leader for many years.

Funeral Services for Ada "Fran" Bennett will be held Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Pastor Don Smith officiating. Entombment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. Visitation will be held from 12 PM to 2 PM Thursday, November 2, 2017 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Heritage Woods, Carlyle Healthcare Center and Murray Parents Association and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, which is assisting the Bennett Family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Ada Frances Bennett*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - October 26, 2018 at 10:39 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of Fran!s passing. The Cardinals will miss a very loyal fan. We will miss her also. Robert Young, Janet Doyle, and Maxine Hicks.*

November 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Gaye Lynn, Rick, Brentley, and Hayley, Sorry to hear that someone special and close to you has passed on. May the Lord watch over her and you all at this time.*

Kathleen Powers - November 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Gaye Lynn, Rick, Brentley and Hayley, Praying for peace and comfort for you all at this time. May she rest in perfect peace. Love, peace and blessings to you.*

Chamus Burnside-Savazzini - November 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Jeanne Anne and Gaye Lynn.. I am so very sorry to see that your Mother has passed away.. She was a very sweet woman and was fortunate to live a very long life.. May she be at peace.. Sending prayers and hugs to all your family members that God will give you all the strength to get thru the coming days. Remember all the Wonderful memories you have, because they surely will help you heal... God Bless..Cheryl

Cheryl Gaetti Simmons - October 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Fran's passing. She will always hold a very special place in my heart. Love and prayers are with you all, Dena Carvell

October 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM