



April Heitman

November 8, 1982 - March 26, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of April Jo Heitman, who left us on Thursday, March 26th, 2026. Born November 8, 1982 and raised in Centralia, April graced this world with her kindness and vibrant spirit for 43 years. She is the daughter of Edward Clem Bounds III and Louise (Wood) Bounds. On April 10, 2021, April and Ian Heitman were married in Walnut Hill on April 10 2021. They had a small intimate service and April said she married her best friend. She was blessed to spend her days with her soulmate Ian and he survives in Centralia.

April is survived by her parents and was a devoted wife to her loving husband, Ian Heitman. Devoted mother to: Liliauna Bounds, Mariah Bounds, and Dustin Ford all of Centralia and stepmother to Justice Heitman of Nashville and Aidan Heitman of Centralia, and her step-granddaughter: Stormie Heitman. April loved her children, sharing and spending time with them was precious to her. She was very proud of her children, She shared a close bond with her best friend: Jessica Dehn who stood by her side though all season's of April's life. April will always be remember as beautiful free spirit enjoying cherished moments with family and friends and had a special place in her heart for her canine companions Squirt and Daisy Mae.

Though life presented its challenges, April found strength in her faith as a member of the Bakers Street Baptist Church in Walnut Hill. She carried her

Baptist faith into her daily life, spreading positivity wherever she went. Her family roots were strong, and she is lovingly remembered by her siblings Tracy Shumate(Mike),Edward Clem Bounds IV,(Christina) and Matthew J Bounds who lovingly shared his birthday with his baby sister April on November 8, eight years apart. They shared a close relationship and a lot of fun aggravating each other and had their secret hand signal. April is also survived by several nieces and nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles who loved and spoiled her.

April's career was one of compassion and dedication, having served as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Fireside Nursing Home in Centralia for 13 years. Her commitment to care for others was evident to both her colleagues and the residents she lovingly attended to. April legacy is one of love, faith, and resilience, leaving an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her memory will continue to live on in the hearts of her family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her grandmothers: Alfreda Williams and Faye Wood; her 2 1/2 year old sister Tonya Ann Bounds; and her nephew Colton Bounds Cluck

In light of her passing, the family has chosen cremation rites, and they plan to honor her life with a Celebration of Life service on Saturday, April 25 at 11:00 am at the Baker Street Baptist Church in Centralia. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the family and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home located at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to April's family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Funeral Home Facebook page. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family please visit our Sympathy Store.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Baker Street Baptist Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Josie Cluck lit a candle in memory of April Heitman*



josie cluck - April 26 at 04:42 PM



“ *Miss you my sweet April Jo*

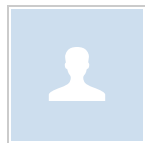
josie cluck - April 26 at 04:41 PM



“ *In Heaven's Arms Bouquet was purchased for the family of April Heitman.*



April 20 at 01:55 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of April Heitman.*

April 20 at 01:55 PM

JC

“ *Josie Cluck lit a candle in memory of April Heitman*



josie cluck - April 19 at 04:54 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of April Heitman.*



April 12 at 05:52 PM

DS

“ *Rest easy little girl.*



Debbie Scarbrough - April 10 at 11:30 PM

LB

“ *Louise Bounds lit a candle in memory of April Heitman*



Louise Bounds - April 10 at 01:35 PM

JC

“ *Josie Cluck lit a candle in memory of April Heitman*



josie cluck - April 09 at 03:08 PM

MD

“ *Mark & Dsnine Dodillet lit a candle in memory of April Heitman*



Mark & Dsnine Dodillet - April 08 at 08:09 PM

JC

“ *Josie Cluck lit a candle in memory of April Heitman*



josie cluck - April 08 at 01:59 PM

JC

“ *I baby set April for awhile her mom always told me I spoiled her rotten. I always enjoyed Her and her kids came to enjoy the pool and all our family get togethers I loved her with all my heart. Love you April Jo Aunt Jodie*

josie cluck - April 08 at 01:58 PM

KB

“ Always loved working with April she kept you laughing regardless!
April shared her gift of love with all who knew her. My condolences
to her family and Jessica. Love Kathy Berck

Kathy Berck - April 08 at 01:50 PM

LB

“ EC told April if she kissed the frog he might be a prince . Well, she
did find her Prince Ian Heitman 😊❤️



Louise Bounds - April 08 at 01:04 PM