



Bernice Schmidt

October 23, 1926 - January 16, 2021

Bernice Marie Schmidt, 94, of Centralia, passed away Saturday, January 16, 2021 at her daughter's home surrounded by her family.

Bernice was born October 23, 1926, the daughter of Ben Isaak and Anna (Vandeloo) Isaak. She married Robert "Smitty" E. Schmidt on August 6, 1949 and he preceded her in death on December 8, 2018.

Bernice is survived by three daughters: Susan Minor and husband Mike of Walnut Hill, Mary Jo May of St. Peters, MO, and Lisa Watson and husband Marty of Iuka; a son-in-law: Russ Fletcher of Leander, TX; seven grandchildren: Jennifer Foronato and husband Anthony of Leander, TX, Sarah Berger and husband Brett of Aviston, Amy Willems and husband Joe of Lake St. Louis, MO, Donnie May and wife Laura of St. Charles, MO, Derek May of St. Louis, MO, Jessica Koch and husband Jerry of Dix, and Stephanie Remer and husband Dave of Woodlawn; thirteen great-grandchildren: Romano and Benjamin Foronato of Leander, TX, Sophia and Madelyn Willems of Lake St. Louis, MO, Charlotte and Austin May of St. Charles, MO, Emylee Sanders and husband Jordan of Abilene, TX, Allyssa Doza of Dix, Jadehn Koch of Centralia, Jera Koch and daughter Meila of Carlyle, and Taylor, James and Kailee Remer all of Woodlawn; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter: Nancy Fletcher, a grandson: Michael Minor; three brothers: Raymond Isaak, Alphonse Isaak, and Walter Isaak; two sisters: Laura Carrigan, and Dorothy Haag.

Bernice was a homemaker and worked for Washington School cafeteria for 10

years. Bernice was well known in the area for her masterful quilting and was a member of Mary's Merry Quilters. Bernice was active in the St. Mary's Parish and was a Treasurer of the Altar Society for 25 years. Bernice also belonged to the Red Hat Society. Bernice and her husband Bob built a successful Amway Pearl Direct business. Bernice was an Artistry Cosmetics Color Consultant in her home. Bernice will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Privately on Friday, January 22, 2021 at 12:00 PM at St. Mary Catholic Church in Centralia with Monsignor David Darin and Father Steven Pautler officiating. Live Streaming of the Funeral can be accessed by going to the St. Mary Catholic Church Facebook Page. Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery in Centralia. A Visitation will be held Friday morning from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM at St. Mary Catholic Church with 10 people allowed in the church at a time. Due to health concerns, masks must be worn and social distancing will be observed. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Mary School and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Schmidt Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Funeral Home's Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **22**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM.

St Mary Catholic Church, Centralia, Illinois

Tribute Wall

NJ

“ *Bernice was such a lovely, beautiful lady. We (Bob Jones) and I spent many years together through our Amway business's. I have such special memories of her and her Bob. They will be missed.*
Nancy Jones

Nancy Jones - January 28, 2021 at 01:17 PM

DD

“ *Bernice took great pride in her four lovely daughters and their families. I'm thankful to have grown up with Bernice and Bob as neighbors. They were always kind and loving to others.*

Dean Michael Daum - January 28, 2021 at 08:52 AM

SM

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



susan minor - January 20, 2021 at 08:33 PM

SM

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



susan minor - January 19, 2021 at 10:53 PM

DC

“ *Schmidt Family, I am sorry for your loss of Bernice. I am certain she was more of a blessing to me than I was to her. I am thankful that both Bob & Bernice became part of my life & I will always treasure the time I spent with them! Prayers for all of you!*
Sympathies, Donna Castang

Donna Castang - January 19, 2021 at 07:27 PM

LW

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Lisa Watson - January 19, 2021 at 06:15 PM

RA

“ Rene' Aydt lit a candle in memory of Bernice Schmidt



Rene' Aydt - January 19, 2021 at 04:29 PM

RA

“ I will miss Bernice. She always had a kind word. Glad she is with Bob again, who I miss as well. Eternal Rest for them.

Rene' Aydt - January 19, 2021 at 04:28 PM

MM

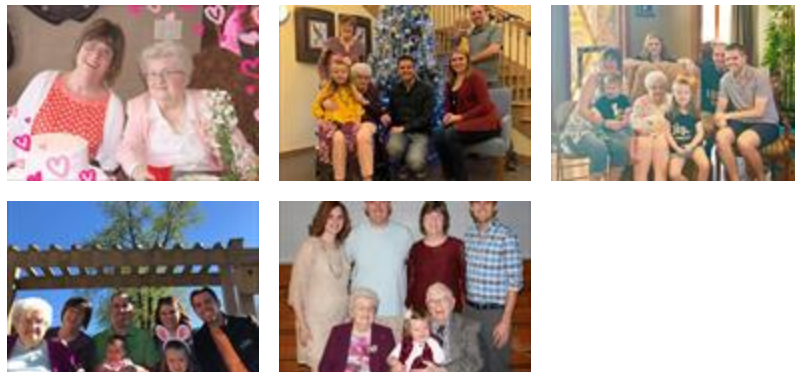
“ 33 files added to the tribute wall



Mary Jo May - January 19, 2021 at 03:51 PM

MM

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Mary Jo May - January 19, 2021 at 02:39 PM

HD

“ Sorry to hear about Bernice. She was a nice lady and strong supporter of St. Mary School.

Helen and Paul Donsbach - January 19, 2021 at 12:28 PM

HR

“ Sorry to hear about Bernice. She was a wonderful lady. Thoughts and Prayers for the family

Helen N Rueter - January 18, 2021 at 10:08 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bernice Schmidt.



January 18, 2021 at 08:17 PM