



## Betsy Rude

January 11, 1935 - July 29, 2024

Betsy (Branstetter) Rude, 89, of St. Charles, Missouri, formerly of Centralia, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 29th, 2024.

Betsy was born on January 11th, 1935 in Sullivan, Indiana to Henry Warren Branstetter and Vollie (Ashcraft) Branstetter. She married Charles H. Rude, Jr. on December 28, 1955 in Centralia, Illinois and he preceded in her in death on May 12, 1989.

Betsy is survived by her loving daughters: Charlene Smith and husband Steve of Cottleville, Missouri and Linda Mijal and husband Phil of The Villages, Florida; grandchildren: Jennifer Moll of Bridgeton, Missouri and Chris Smith and wife Rachel of St. Charles, Missouri, great-granddaughters Hesleigh and Raegan Smith; sister-in-law: Marlyn Culbreth; and two nieces: Dana Waggoner and Kelly Culbreth.

Betsy earned her Bachelors Degree in Education at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois, where she met her husband, Charles. She dedicated 29 years of her life to teaching at the Centralia City Schools. She was a passionate educator who touched the lives of many students throughout her career. She was a dedicated member of the First United Methodist Church in Centralia. Betsy loved spending time with her family, reading, traveling, playing cards, and watching the St. Louis Cardinals.

Betsy is preceded in death by her parents, husband, father and mother-in-law: Charles H. Rude, Sr. and Cara Dora Rude, and brother-in-law: William "Bill" Culbreth.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, August 2, 2024 at 2:00 PM at the Hillcrest Lakeside Chapel in Centralia with Pastor Tony Paulson officiating. Burial will follow. Visitation will be held Friday afternoon from 1:00 PM until the time of service in the chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church 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 Betsy's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Funeral Home Facebook page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Hillcrest Cemetery, Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
2500 Old 51 Rd  
Centralia, IL 62801  
(618) 532-6122  
headsutherland@aol.com  
<https://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

AUG 2. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM.

Hillcrest Lakeside Chapel

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Betsy Rude*



**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - August 02, 2024 at 10:06 AM

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“ *Timothy F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betsy Rude.*

**Timothy F.** - August 01, 2024 at 05:43 PM

JF

“ *Judy Silkwood and Family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Betsy Rude.*



**Judy Silkwood and Family** - August 01, 2024 at 09:28 AM

BW

“ *Beau and Lacey Waggoner purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Betsy Rude.*



**Beau and Lacey Waggoner** - July 31, 2024 at 06:10 PM