



Betty J Gansauer

January 31, 1926 - December 13, 2019

Betty J. Gansauer of Centralia, Illinois passed away December 13th, 2019 at Cedarhurst Memory Care in Centralia surrounded by her loving family.

She was born January 31st, 1926 in Xenia, Illinois, daughter of Harry Henson and Pearl (Hanon) Henson. She married Maurice Gansauer on October 15th, 1947 in Morganfield, Kentucky and he preceded her in death on November 15th, 1991.

Betty is survived by her two sons, Bruce Gansauer and wife Donna of Centralia, Brian Gansauer and wife Sandy of Salem; grandchildren Ryan Gansauer and wife Heather of Owasso, OK; Dustin Gansauer and wife Emily of Centralia; Kyle Gansauer and wife Stephanie of Salem; Kayla Gansauer and special friend Grant Reed of Salem; great grandchildren, Deagan and Dalton Gansauer, Grace Neff and Finley Gansauer, Kinsley Gansauer and Zach; sisters Barbara Francois of Centralia, Suzanne Hausch of Elk Grove Village Illinois, and Pat Hillard of Flora Illinois, brother John Henson and wife Susan of Florida and several nephews and nieces and great nephews and nieces.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; step-mother Vesta (Ely) Henson; stepfather Robert Garnier; brother, Jim Henson; sister Mary Parks.

Betty graduated from Centralia Township High School in 1943 and was honored to be the Senior Class May Fete attendant. She went to work for Illinois Bell Telephone as an operator after graduating from high school. Upon

her marriage, Betty became a military wife and resided in several communities throughout the United States during her husband's twenty-two year military career. Upon her husband's retirement from the military in 1966, Betty and her family returned to Xenia, Illinois, where she was active in her church. She was an accomplished piano and organ player, playing for Sunday services, weddings and funerals.

Betty returned to Centralia in 1994 to be closer to her children. She became a member of Grace Fellowship Church and was an active member until her health declined. Betty never meet a stranger and always had a smile for everyone. She enjoyed life and meeting people. Betty was a dedicated wife and mother who loved her family and gave all the praise and glory to her Savior, Jesus Christ.

Funeral Services for Betty Gansauer will be held Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Grace Fellowship Church in Centralia with Pastor Alan Nollman officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park. Visitation will be held Wednesday, December 18, 2019 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia and also on Thursday, December 19, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the church. Memorial donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Alzheimer's Association and to the Donor's Choice 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 Gansauer Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **18**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

Visitation

DEC **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Grace Fellowship Church

Funeral Service

DEC **19**. 11:00 AM.

Grace Fellowship Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty J Gansauer* ”



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - December 16, 2019 at 12:38 PM



“ *Brian, Bruce & families so sorry for the loss of your mother.* ”

Lulu Mae Rascher and family

Lulu Mae Rascher - December 18, 2019 at 06:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty J Gansauer.* ”



December 18, 2019 at 01:05 PM

LW

“ Bruce, Brian, and familieswe are so very sorry to learn of the loss of your mother and grandparent. She was always such a pleasant lady. She was complimentary, uplifting, anxious to know about our family and the people in Xenia and also happy to share about her own. She truly made you feel special and will be sorely missed.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to each of you.

Larry & Sue Williams

Larry & Sue Williams - December 18, 2019 at 11:23 AM

 Greg Kleeman

“ Our sincere condolences to Brian, Bruce and their families on the loss of your mother. She always had a smile on her face. God bless you and give you comfort. Greg & Charlotte Kleeman

Greg Kleeman - December 18, 2019 at 09:40 AM

PA

“ You couldn't walk into a room with her in it without a smile on her face. She was always in a bright mood. She will be missed by so many. I've known her since I was little and began to become like a grandma. God has you, may you rest easy love. ❤️



paige - December 18, 2019 at 04:55 AM

LJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.
Linda Harrell Judd , Christine and John
Harrington and family*



Linda Harrell Judd - December 17, 2019 at 08:15 PM



“ *Betty was a gracious, kind, loving friend. A true Lady. Love and
prayers to all the family, and may she rest in eternal peace.
Love, Barbara E, and Melvin Rapp*

Barbara Rapp - December 17, 2019 at 01:54 PM

VM

“ *Kayla,
I'm so sorry for the loss of your grandma. Keeping you & your family
in my thoughts & prayers. ❤️*

Val Matthews - December 17, 2019 at 08:36 AM

MB

“ *Love, thoughts and prayers for all of you. Betty was a special lady
with a smile that would brighten everyone's day!*

Marsha Bundy - December 16, 2019 at 11:35 PM

LJ

“ *Betty was one of the most sweetest , kind hearted loving person I
have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Such a true God loving
person . Prayers for family . Love to all Joe and Linda Jones*

Linda Jones - December 16, 2019 at 03:27 PM

JF

“ Jeanine and Thom Ertel and the Barlow family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Betty J Gansauer.



Jeanine and Thom Ertel and the Barlow family - December 16, 2019 at 01:34 PM

KE

“ It was such a honor to meet sweet betty and take care of her at cedarhurst in centralia always had a smile on her face she will be definitely be missed by staff at cedarhurst in centralia may she rest in gods loving arms until then see you in heaven betty

Kenzie - December 16, 2019 at 12:11 PM

JE

“ Betty was such a joyful welcome to the Gansauer family. I know she is playng piano while my mother sings now. All my love to you all. So proud to know her. Love, Jeanine and Thom Ertel

Jeanine Ertel - December 16, 2019 at 11:41 AM

GC

“ Glenn & Debbie Henderson - Salem Tire Center purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Betty J Gansauer.



Glenn & Debbie Henderson - Salem Tire Center - December 16, 2019 at 11:12 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Betty J Gansauer.*



December 16, 2019 at 08:21 AM



“ *FHS Class of 1980*



Sandra Frost - December 15, 2019 at 11:35 AM



“ *Betty I've known you since I was little and then I had the honor to take care of you this summer at cedarhurst. You will ALWAYS be my favorite resident and I will always miss dancing with you and showing you pictures of my cats and puppies.*

brittany Reed - December 14, 2019 at 12:44 AM