



## Betty Jean Russell

December 19, 1927 - September 7, 2019

Betty Jean Russell, 91, of Richview, passed away Saturday, September 7, 2019 at Herrin Hospital.

Betty was born in Oakdale, IL, the daughter of James Allan Maxwell and Edna Winifred (Ellison) Maxwell. She married Charles "Gene" Russell on February 21, 1948 and he preceded her in death on September 14, 2018 after 70 years of marriage.

Betty is survived two children: Elizabeth Jeannine Hutchcraft and husband Joe of Herrin and Rick Russell of Richview; four grandchildren: Nicole Foster of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Christina Bridges of Dix, Andrew Greene of Indiana and Brandi Brookhouse of Marion; three great-grandchildren: Chase Foster, Hannah Grace Foster and Emma Bridges; a son-in-law: Steve Greene of O'Fallon; brother-in-law: Donald Russell and wife Nancy of Richview; sisters-in-law: Lorraine Pitchford of Richview, Phyllis Mitchell of Mt. Vernon, and Marilyn Besancenez and husband Bob of Largo, Florida; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents: James and Edna Maxwell; husband: Charles "Gene" Russell; daughter: Gayle Russell Greene; brother: Vernon Maxwell; sisters: Dorothy Lamb and Roberta Lietz and brothers and sisters-in-law: Thomas L. Russell, Stanley Russell, Betty Russell and Gerald Russell, two brothers-in-law: Lester Pitchford and Don Mitchell, and a sister-in-law: Dorothy Russell.

Betty and Gene would travel to Florida during the winter months and she

always enjoyed shuffleboard, bocce ball and Bingo. She was known for taking care of her husband Gene and her grandkids with unconditional love. Her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her family and friends.

The family has asked for a special thanks to be given to the staff of Parkway Estates in Marion, Il, William F. Hays and staff, Herrin Hospital and Hospice of Southern Illinois for all their outstanding care of Betty.

Funeral Services for Betty Jean Russell will be held 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at the Hillcrest Lakeside Chapel in Centralia with Pastor Mark Meyers officiating. Entombment will follow at the Hillcrest Lakeside Mausoleum in Centralia. Visitation will be held Thursday morning from 10:00 AM until time of service at the chapel. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to the Donor's Choice and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Russell Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **12.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Hillcrest Lakeside Chapel

## Funeral Service

SEP **12.** 11:00 AM.

Hillcrest Lakeside Chapel

# Tribute Wall

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“ Rick and family, so sorry for your loss. Betty was a beautiful lady and we are sure she will be missed by many. We always enjoyed your stories of your parents over the years. Prayers for all.  
Tom and Judy Beyers



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**Tom and Judy Beyers** - September 10, 2019 at 03:29 PM

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“ Mary Long lit a candle in memory of Betty Jean Russell



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**mary long** - September 09, 2019 at 04:49 PM