



Betty Joan Stedelin

October 9, 1924 - July 20, 2020

Betty Joan Stedelin was born on October 9, 1924 and passed away on July 20, 2020 surrounded by her family and loved ones. Joan spent her entire life as a resident of Centralia, IL and graduated from Centralia Township High School in 1942. She married Thomas E. Stedelin, Sr. on June 25, 1944 and had two children Thomas E. Stedelin, Jr. and Nancy (Stedelin) Todd. Joan was preceded in death by her parents Ellis E. and Iva (Throgmorton) McMillan, husband Tom, son Tom Jr., brother Ellis E. "Bud" McMillan, brother-in-law John A. Stedelin, M.D., and sister-in-law Dorothy Stedelin.

Joan's greatest joy was spending time with her family and friends and loved hosting visitors in her home – greeting everyone with a hug and a smile and making all feel loved and welcome when they came in the door. Her kitchen table was the stage of countless laughs, games, spills and memories. No one left Joan's wanting for hospitality as she loved to cook, serve and entertain guests with family recipes and snacks, and always had something in the refrigerator in-case of a pop-in visitor. Joan was an avid reader, loved watching baseball and golf, and had a brilliant mind and amazing intuition. Her constant stream of cards and hand-written notes brought joy to her family and friends all over the country.

Joan is survived by her daughter Nancy (Stedelin) Todd and husband Sam of Eddyville, KY; daughter-in-law, Carol (Friedrich) Workman and husband Max

of Murray, KY; sister-in-law Marilyn McMillan of Centralia, IL; three grandchildren - Brian Stedelin and wife Haley of Murray KY; Adam Meloan and wife Andrea of Kansas City, MO; and Amy (Meloan) Swift and husband Dale of Murray KY. Joan treasured her great grandsons Clayton and John Henry Stedelin; Brooks, Mason and Graham Meloan; and great granddaughter Tinley Swift. Joan was blessed with 12 nieces and nephews, their spouses and children who loved and supported her, and gave her the ability to remain self-reliant and in her home for over 70 years. Her ever-growing family extended to her many great-nieces, nephews and step-grandchildren that surrounded her with unconditional love and happiness. Joan was deeply loved by so many who will profoundly miss her stories of her 95 years and her ever prevailing love of others.

Due to the current pandemic, a limited visitation will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Masks will be required, and the family asks that social distancing be observed. Please do not attend if you are currently not feeling well or have been ill. A private service for immediate family will be held at 1:00 PM at the funeral home with a service being live broadcasted for family and friends which, can be accessed by going to www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com website and clicking on on Joan's obituary. A private graveside service will follow at Elmwood Cemetery in Centralia. Because of current, local gathering restrictions, the family asks that only adult family members attend.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her memory to The First Presbyterian Church of Centralia, The American Cancer Society, Shriner's Hospital, St Jude's Hospital or Caldwell County KY Home Health Agency and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street in Centralia, Illinois 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Stedelin family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Inc.
235 North Sycamore
Centralia, IL 62801

Tribute Wall



“ Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Betty Joan Stedelin



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - July 25, 2020 at 10:01 AM



“ Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Joan Stedelin



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - July 23, 2020 at 06:11 PM

KB

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Aunt Joan passing - I'll always remember her and Uncle Tom as loving surrogate family members. That generation sure spoke blessings into all of our lives - the Stedlins, McMillans, McKees :) puts a smile on my face remembering :)

kimberly (mckee) baugh - September 11, 2020 at 04:33 PM

MN

“ Nancy and family, I am so sorry to learn of Joan's passing. I can't tell you how, over the years, she was an inspiration to me. I enjoyed visiting her, along with your father, throughout the years. She was always gracious and kind; when you left visiting her it was as if she gave you a ray of sunshine to pass along. I know she loved her family fiercely and was so proud of all of you! May her spirit continue to guide and watch over all of you. With my deepest sympathies, Marlo

Marlo Koch Nachtweih - July 31, 2020 at 01:31 PM

BC

“ Every time I was privileged to spend time with Joan Stedelin I was impressed with her consistent interest in others. Whether it was about her children or whomever, she was always concerned with the other person rather than herself. Her influence on her children was reflected in their personalities and conduct. She was a composed, gracious lady.
I am sorry for your loss, but happy that you were able to know her for so many years. May your present sorrow be replaced with warm memories.

*Brian T. Courtney
Savoy, IL*

Brian T Courtney - July 27, 2020 at 11:05 AM

JP

“ Mrs. Stedelin was such a kind and gracious lady. I am so sorry.
Jennifer Price

Jennifer Price - July 26, 2020 at 03:36 PM

EP

“ Nancy and family, My deepest sympathy to you, your mom was the greatest! I've known her since I was a child, she was a loyal customer for many years, and truly one of the kindest, greatest person one could ever meet. I've sat and talked with her for hours and never left without a hug and a bag of cookies, cake or something sweet to eat later. She will forever be missed by all who knew her! Eddie Petrea

Eddie Petrea - July 26, 2020 at 01:15 PM

LA

“ We will forever miss you and keep you in our hearts, gracious lady. Love you, Lori Aarons
First Presbyterian Church

Lori Aarons - July 26, 2020 at 10:58 AM

SR

“ My deepest sympathy to Nancy and her entire family. Joan was a special friend to me and I will miss her so much. She always was so kind, thoughtful and caring to my family. Sending hugs and prayers. Love,
Sherry Roberts

Sherry Roberts - July 25, 2020 at 09:02 PM

CB

“ Nancy, your mom was always so kind, warm and welcoming to me every time I saw her. Even though there would be a big gap of years between my visits, she would pick up the conversation and remember all I had shared last time about my family. Her love of her family was so evident during our visits. I have such fond and sweet memories of her! So grateful I got to spend time with her before she left for Kentucky.

Connie Buckett

Connie Buckett - July 25, 2020 at 02:40 PM

JD

“ Her name is Joan and she was my Mom's best friend.

Jan Davies - July 25, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ She was the sweetest lady ever. Always smiling and happy to see you. The place I saw her most was at Kirlins, buying cards. Nancy Siegmund

Nancy Geary Siegmund - July 25, 2020 at 08:58 AM



“ We loved Joan Lived across the street from her and Tom We decorated alot for holidays and she loved to see what we had done every year. She and Tom were the sweetest folks. We missed them when we moved to Kansas. Im sure she is in Jesus arms; with all her family there to greet her!

Ralph and Laura Davis

Laura Davis - July 24, 2020 at 09:03 PM

BF

“ *Bitty Baker (Norma Parrott) and the Parrott Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Betty Joan Stedelin.*



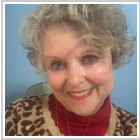
Bitty Baker (Norma Parrott) and the Parrott Family - July 23, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Joan Stedelin.*



July 23, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ *Well, where would I start? The sweetest and best friend. The most loving person ever. A very strong woman who handled life's greatest challenge- the loss of a child, with such grace. I will miss our long phone talks. I will miss seeing you standing at your kitchen window. I will miss your laugh. Love you forever*

Marty Lindsay - July 23, 2020 at 09:49 AM