



Cleatis L. Welch

April 23, 1927 - April 5, 2024

Cleatis L. Welch, age 96, of Centralia, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 5th, 2024.

She was born on Saturday, April 23rd, 1927 in Bible Grove, Illinois, to the late Frank and Bertha (Roberts) Specht. Cleatis married Robert Jessup in 1946 and they later divorced. She married Harold Welch in 1970 and he preceded her in death in 1977.

Cleatis is survived by her five children: Connie Sause of Centralia, Patsy Spilios and husband George of Rockledge, Florida , Scott Jessup, Joe Jessup and wife Pam, and John Jessup all of Centralia; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, a grandson: Shawn Sause, and two sisters: Louise VanDyke and Maylene Specht.

She dedicated over 20 years of her life working at the Warren G. Murray Center before becoming a House Mother at the CRC Group Home. Cleatis had a passion for shopping, buying her little treasures from the Salvation Army, animals, putting puzzles together, and flowers. She loved spending time with her family and friends. Cleatis will be deeply missed by all who knew and

loved her.

A Celebration of Cleatis's Life will be held at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, Illinois on Wednesday, April 10th, 2024, with visitation from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm and the service to follow at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Centralia Humane Society 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 Cleatis's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland Funeral Homes Facebook page.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Celebration of Life

APR 10. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TP

“ Terry and I are so sorry for your loss...Your mother was a beautiful lady inside and out! She had a way about her to make everyone feel welcome and special! Prayers for comfort and strength at this sad time....God Bless. Terry and Lettie Peak

Terry and Lettie Peak - April 10, 2024 at 12:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cleatis L. Welch.



April 09, 2024 at 11:40 AM

TF

“ The Spilios/Kahoun Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Cleatis L. Welch.



The Spilios/Kahoun Families - April 09, 2024 at 07:42 AM

CF

“ Connie and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Cleatis L. Welch.



Connie and Family - April 08, 2024 at 08:48 PM

CF

“ *Connie and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cleatis L. Welch.*

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NP

“ *Novah Phelps planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cleatis L. Welch.*

Novah Phelps - April 08, 2024 at 07:52 PM

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“ *Novah Phelps purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Cleatis L. Welch.*



Novah Phelps - April 08, 2024 at 07:52 PM

DV

“ *To my dear aunt: I will miss you always - you were a wonderful woman who came from humble beginnings in the smallest of places to travel around the world, to see big cities and experience other cultures, and to raise a family along the way. Deep sigh. My best to my cousins. Bud*

Darrel VanDyke - April 08, 2024 at 11:11 AM

PB

Sorry to hear of Cleat's passing. Thoughts and Prayers to all!! She was always a ray of sunshine and will be missed.

Peggy Myers Beal - April 08, 2024 at 04:04 PM