



Elizabeth Betsy Stedelin

February 16, 1936 - June 20, 2025

Elizabeth Dare Burtschi Stedelin, daughter of Lucille and Leo Burtschi, born on February 16, 1936, of Centralia, Illinois, passed on June 20th, 2025.

Betsy's life was full, like her house.

She was born in Vandalia, Illinois, and then moved to Evansville and then Anderson, Indiana, before moving to Centralia in the 8th grade. She attended William Woods College before going to Washington University, where she majored in physical therapy and was an active member of Gamma Phi Beta. She married her high school sweetheart, David Stedelin, in 1956, and they recently celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. She graduated in 1957 and after graduating, she successfully started two different physical therapy departments, one in Mt. Vernon and one in Centralia. She then went on to have three children, all of whom she and David raised in Centralia. She traveled extensively, in part due to the fact that the family owned and operated a travel agency. England was one of her favorite places to visit and she was particularly fond of German Christmas Markets, wherever she could find them. One of her favorite activities included curating antiques, an interest she passed on to her daughters and granddaughters. She loved her family, expressing great happiness that her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren were all living in the vicinity. She was known for caring for those she loved and she especially loved Christmas, hosting (and spoiling) her entire family at her historic home year after year. She was an excellent cook,

keeping her family well-fed from her kitchen, which was her favorite room in the house. Every week, unless other festivities were ongoing, she hosted hamburger and french fry day, serving the best burgers in town. During Cardinals games, she could be found in her chair with the radio on and the game playing.

She is survived by her husband, David Stedelin, as well as her sister, Linda Eggers, married to Tom Eggers, and their children and grandchildren. She is also survived by her children, grandchildren, and great grandchild. Her children include Lisa McCormick, married to Mark McCormick; Emily Belk, married to Tom Belk; and David R. Stedelin. Her grandchildren include Lucy Vaughn, engaged to Alex Dunn; Georgia Bomgardner, married to Mark Bomgardner; Sam Belk; and Eli McCormick, married to Erin O'Flaherty McCormick; as well as her step-grandchildren, Adrienne Echols and Jessica Charbonneau and their families. Her great grandchild is Emma Vaughn.

Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 11:00 AM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. Burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery in Centralia. Visitation will be held Wednesday morning from 9:00 am until the time of service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to First Methodist Church in Centralia and/or the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home located at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be service to Betsy's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Funeral Home Facebook page.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JUN **25**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - June 25, 2025 at 08:42 AM

MM

“ *I am so blessed to have Betsy and David in my life; I can't imagine more wonderful and kind in-laws. Betsy was present, she was thoughtful, she really listened. She was genuinely curious, she asked lots of questions about everything in my life. Betsy was a gracious lady, she lived to serve others and to help us feel important and valuable. I choose to remember her with gratitude rather than sadness, which is saying something considering how very sad I am at her passing.*

Mark McCormick

Mark McCormick - June 24, 2025 at 09:17 PM

PH

“ *Betsy was a dear friend and I feel fortunate to have had her in my life. I treasure many happy memories. She will always remain a valued and important part of my life. God Speed Betsy!*

Patty Hinton - June 24, 2025 at 08:31 PM

CH

“ We were so sorry to hear about Betsy. She came to so many of our auctions and was such a delightful person! I always enjoyed talking to her..every once in awhile i would see her out and we always would find something to talk about. She was a wonderful lady! Deepest sympathy to all of you, Charlotte Howe and Greg Kleeman

Charlotte Howe - June 23, 2025 at 08:43 PM

VM

“ Victoria Stover Migliore lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Betsy Stedelin



Victoria Stover Migliore - June 22, 2025 at 08:37 PM

VM

“ Lisa, I was sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. I remember when she took you to violin lessons. Good memories. Victoria Stover Migliore

Victoria Stover Migliore - June 22, 2025 at 08:36 PM

SO

“ Kenny/I also loved seeing her Santa Claus collection

Sarah Oestreich - June 22, 2025 at 09:07 AM

SO

“ I always looked forward to visiting w/Betsy when I went to the grocery store. Loved seeing her. Kenny & I met her thru her father yrs ago. Miss her so much alrdy. So sorry David & family for your loss

Sarah Oestreich - June 22, 2025 at 09:05 AM

TO

“ I first met Betsy years ago when I worked at Visiting Nurses Association. She was a very special lady and we would run across each other through the years, usually at the grocery stores. My deepest condolences to the family.

Tonia Oberg - June 21, 2025 at 10:07 PM

BS

“ Betsy was the sweetest most elegant lady...I worked at Byrd Watson pharmacy and she was our customer.. I loved waiting on her...sincere sympathy to your families 🙏

Bonnie Stevens - June 21, 2025 at 12:33 PM