



Emma Ward

December 20, 1948 - April 13, 2020

Emma Ward, 71, of Salem, passed away Monday, April 13, 2020 at her home. She was born December 20, 1948 in Vandalia, the daughter of Edward Gross and Betty June (Britton) Gross. She married Dwight Ward on January 29, 1985 and he preceded her in death on June 23, 3007.

Emma is survived by her daughter, Tricia Gregory and husband Kelly of Shattuc; a grandson: Nicholas Gregory of Salem; two sisters and three brothers: Cathy Gesell and husband Jerry of Farina, Barbara Harper and husband Gary of The Villages, Florida, Bruce Meyer and wife Kelly of Walnut Hill, Lyle Gross and wife Angela of Centralia, and Lee Gross and wife Jennifer of Central City; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and a sister and three brothers: William Meyer, Beverly Stevens, Robert "Bob" Meyer, and Brad Meyer.

Emma worked as a CNA for 45 plus years in Vandalia and Mt. Vernon. She enjoyed sewing, make crafts and playing games on her tablet. She cherished the time she spent with her family and friends.

Per her wishes, cremation rites will be accorded and burial at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery will be held at a later date. Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home and Cremation Services at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, are honored to be of service to the Ward Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and also on the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral

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“ *Trish, my heart goes out to you my friend.... so so very sorry for your loss.... There is nothing like our mommas..... Please know you and your family are in my heart, thoughts, and prayers.. May God mend your broken heart and give you peace....., Crystel Payne*

crystal Payne - April 15, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ *Tricia, I am so sorry for your loss. My deepest condolences to you and yours. I enjoyed my visits with her and our conversations!! May she RIP and be pain free now.*

Tiffani Amerman - April 15, 2020 at 09:07 AM



“ *Tricia, so very sorry about your mom. Please know my thoughts and Prayers are with you now and ongoing. Keep the good memories close. Godspeed*

Peggy Myers Beal - April 14, 2020 at 10:17 PM