



## Freda Stewart

December 31, 1953 - June 15, 2024

Freda L. Stewart-Lasley, 70, of Centralia, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 15, 2024, after a brief illness.

She was born to Lena (Bell) McGee on December 31, 1953 in Centralia, Illinois.

Freda is survived by her brothers and sisters: Paul McGee and wife Barbara of Wisconsin, Dianne Pester of Kansas City, Missouri, Dennis McGee of Centralia, Anthonette Strowder-Evans of Centralia, Clarice McGee of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Anthony McGee and wife Ann of Centralia, Charles McGee and wife Bonnie of Centralia, and Johnny Wallace and wife Jackie of Little Rock, AR; a special niece Effie McGee and great niece Tautiana Rodgers and nephew Joseph McGee and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Lena McGee, a daughter, Shayla Matrice Stewart, grandparents: Booker and Emma McGee; three brothers: James Mosley McGee, Roy McGee, and William Earl McGee, three sisters: JoAnn McGee, Helen McGee, Robin McGee, and Janet McGee.

Freda was a member of the Second Baptist Church and was a former teacher at Mt. Vernon Public Schools. She loved her students and got so much joy

teaching them. She loved her family and friends and cherished the time she spent making memories.

Funeral services for Freda Stewart-Lasley will be held Saturday, July 6, 2024 at 1:00pm at the City Hope Church in Centralia with Rev. Ron Johnson officiating. Visitation will be held from 11:00am until time of service on Saturday at the church. Burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery in Centralia. Memorial donations may be made to the family 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 Freda's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

City Hope Church  
1000 E 3rd St  
Centralia, IL 62801  
(618) 533-3349

## Funeral Service

JUL 6. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM.

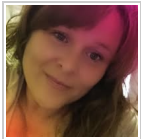
City Hope Church

# Tribute Wall



“ Hands down one of the Best educators of my youth. I had her at Benjamin Franklin and also at Dr. Andy Hall. She didn't play around and she meant business because she took every child's education seriously and to heart. She wanted the best for each of us and each of us to be successful. My hats off to her. I know God gave her the most beautiful wings he had to offer for that. Ms. Stewart we miss you girl

JW Marlowe - March 06 at 11:34 PM



“ My condolences

Amanda Hunt - November 28, 2024 at 04:09 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are for/with family and friends.

Vickie & Wayne Houser - July 06, 2024 at 05:59 AM



“ I light this Candle in Memory of my Cousin Freda, She was such an Amazing person. We shared so much together, I'm gonna miss not seeing you when I come home. Just know that Arthur and I loved you Dearly 📍📍



Rhoda A. Williams - July 04, 2024 at 12:32 PM

JS

“ Wow...I'm gonna sure miss you my Sistah Freda! 😭 The nights 🌙 we spent on that phone talking. 🤔 We taught in District #80 in Mt. Vernon, IL for many years together & you knew everybody. 🤔 I'm thanking God for all of those fond memories. Deepest love ❤️ and sympathy to the family. Please know that you're in my thoughts & prayers. 🙏🕊️🙏 This is Sistah Joyce (Mays/Wilson) Secret of Mt. Vernon, IL. 😊



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**Joyce (Mays/Wilson) Secret** - July 04, 2024 at 03:12 AM

TL

“ Tanya and Mada (the coupon ladies) purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Freda Stewart.



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**Tanya and Mada (the coupon ladies)** - July 03, 2024 at 06:54 PM

JS

“ For my longtime Sistah & Friend! ❤️ Much Love from Sistah Joyce (Mays/Wilson) Secret. 🙏🕊️🙏



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**Joyce (Mays/Wilson) Secret** - July 03, 2024 at 01:04 PM

JW

“ Our deepest sympathy in the Loss of Sis Freda . A wonderful woman I met over forty years ago when I came to the states with her brother . Our children loved there Aunt Freda and loved visiting her when they were little , lots of fun and laughter were had . You will be truly missed but will cherish all the wonderful memories we made over the years . RIP Freda , gone but you will never be forgotton . We Love you . 🙏🙏❤️

Jackie Wallace - July 03, 2024 at 11:38 AM

JS

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Joyce (Mays/Wilson) Secret - July 03, 2024 at 12:37 PM