



Georgine Hawley

January 15, 1953 - January 20, 2026

Georgine Hawley, 83, of Centralia, IL passed away at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia on January 20, 2026 at 7:25 pm. Georgine was born on January 15, 1943, the daughter of Gerald S. Hawley and Vivian L. (Jannett) Hawley. She married Raymond Monken, but later divorced. She was united in marriage to Donald R. May on April 15, 1995.

She is survived by her sister: Jannett Hawley and husband Harold "Fred" F. Smith, Jr. of Centralia.

Georgine graduated from Centralia Township High School, Centralia Junior College, McKendree University with a BA degree and Eastern Illinois University with a Master's degree. She taught English and Literature at Rend Lake College for 33 years. Georgine was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Centralia. She was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Egyptian Gateway #76, serving as a Chaplain. She was a member of many organizations and supporter of the Arts.

Georgine was preceded in death by her father, Gerald S. Hawley, Mother: Vivian L. (Jannett) Hawley, and her husband: Donald R. May.

Per her wishes, cremation rites will be accorded and there will be no services. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church in Centralia 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 of service to Georgine's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com

e.com and the Funeral Home Facebook page.

Tribute Wall



“ I was blessed to get to spend time with her...We had such good conversations. She will be missed so much. I'm going to miss Sunshine. That's what I said that morning she woke up HELLO SUNSHINE... THAT BEAUTIFUL SMILE MADE MY DAY AND THE LAUGHING WE DID TOGETHER....BUT....NOMORE PAIN SHES IN HEAVEN NOW WITH ALL THE OTHERS. I DIDNT KNOW HER LONGTIME BUT SURE FELT LIKE IT WHEN WE TALKED. WATCH DOWN ON US ALL....ENJOY NOW AND KNOW YOUR FAMILY DOWN ON EARTH WILL BE JUST FINE...LOVE AND GONNA MISS SEEING YOU.....LUV SALLY

Sally Cooley - January 23 at 07:24 AM

RW

“ I lived just south of Georgene on Carpenter and as soon as I moved in Georgene paid me a visit. She brought me a house warming gift and welcomed me to the neighborhood. As time went on Georgene became a good friend along with another neighbor named Donna Brewer. I will always cherish the good times we had visiting! She was a good friend! My condolences to all her family.

Robert Wiedemann - January 22 at 05:09 PM

JH

Thank you. Georgine and Donna were best friends. They are missed every day.

Jannett S Hawley - January 23 at 07:21 AM

ML

“ *Mary Long lit a candle in memory of Georgine Hawley*



Mary Long - January 22 at 11:31 AM

ML

Georgine was a great friend and sister in law she will be missed by many . Condolences to her sister and family

Mary Long - January 22 at 11:36 AM

JH

Thank you Mary.

Jannett S Hawley - January 23 at 07:09 AM

EP

Georgine was an active member and on the Board of Directors of Washington County Historical Society in Nashville. She was a great inspiration for many of the exhibits at our Museums and loved being involved in many of our historical events. The WCHS Board of Directors and her many friends of the Society send their condolences to her family.

Elaine Rucker, WCHS President - February 07 at 08:15 AM