



## Martha Ann Rutledge

August 27, 1941 - August 13, 2015

Martha Ann Rutledge, 73 of Centralia, passed away Thursday, August 13, 2015 at her home. She was born August 27, 1941 in Madison, IL, daughter of Soter Gervios Manning and Anna B. (Layton) Manning. She married Melvin Arnold Rutledge on March 13, 1963 in Prichard, Alabama and he preceded her in death on December 13, 1995. Martha is survived by two sons: Terry Rutledge and Anjela Briones of Centralia and Ralph Rutledge of Centralia; seven grandchildren: Christopher Ruscher, Jennifer Rutledge-Jones and husband Ryan, Steven Rutledge, Kristin Harra, Rolin Rutledge, Kaitlynn Ruscher and Dylan Harra, and seven great-grandchildren: Brayden Rutledge, Hayden Rutledge-Jones, MakaiLynn Rutledge – Jones, Sam Ruscher, Jacob Ruscher, Madilyn Harra, and Braelyn Harra; a sister, Ella Watkins of Taylorville, IL; son-in-law, Mike Ruscher of Salem; a daughter-in-law, Teresa Woodside of Ashley; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter: Kathy Ruscher, a grandson: Kevin Ruscher, four brothers: Merritt Manning, Red Manning, Donald Manning and Erv Manning, three sisters: Gerl Layton, Daria Townsend, Mary “Tug” Logue. Martha enjoyed horses, cooking, and taking care of her home. She was a member of the Wells Chapel General Baptist Church in Bluford and worked as a secretary for Sears, Watwood & Heavner and Aqua Terre CRC for many years. Martha was full of life and most of all she loved spending time with her family and her grandkids. Celebration of Life Service for Martha Rutledge will be held Monday, August 17, 2015 at 8:00 P.M. at the Sutherland-Garnier

Funeral Home in Centralia with Larry Jukes officiating. Visitation will be held from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the funeral home Monday evening. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home, which is in charge of local arrangements. Funeral Services will be held at the Duncan Funeral Home in Birch Tree, MO on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 12:00 PM. Visitation will be held Wednesday morning from 11:00 AM – til noon at the church. Burial will follow at Oak Forrest Cemetery in Birch Tree, MO. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

GD

“ RIP

Gerald D - August 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I worked with Martha in the Prevention Department at CRC for 5 years. She was a shining light, always enjoyed her quirky sense of humor. She was always a very hard worker and rolled with everything we asked her too do. She will me missed here on earth but I know she is happy to be back with her husband whom she missed terribly. Fly High Martha, you are one in a million!

Tina McCulloch - August 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ So very sorry for your loss . God Bless.

Janet Finley - August 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Sorry for your lose. It is always hard to lose a loved one. Take comfort in that she no longer has to suffer or feel any pain, she's at peace now.

Sherry - August 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Marha's passing. I got to know her better while working with her at CRC, but had lost touch when she retired. She was a wonderful lady and a friend. We extend our sympathy to the entire family. Donna & Wes Castang

August 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Aunt Martha, You will be greatly missed! I know Kathy, Kevin, Melvin, Dale and Deloris have welcomed you home! Praise the Lord!

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**Larry Jukes** - August 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Grandma Fuzzy you will never leave us for you will always be in our hearts. I love ? you and am thankful you have reunited with all of our loved ones although id like to be selfish and still have you here with us!!

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**Jennifer Rutledge** - August 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM