



## Mildred Briley

April 28, 1918 - December 26, 2021

Mildred Briley, 103, of Centralia, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 26, 2021 at Centralia Manor.

She was born April 28, 1918 in rural Centralia on her family farm, daughter of Dwight D. Hardy and Clara Ethel (Stonecipher) Hardy. She married Curtis Briley on June 29, 1940 and they celebrated their 76th Wedding Anniversary before Curtis passed on January 22, 2017.

Mildred is survived by several family members and friends.

Mildred was born and raised in rural Centralia on her family farm, where she recently resided. She attended Clay Hill Grade School; it was a one room country school. In 1936 she graduated from Centralia Township High School. Mildred attended Brown's Business College in Centralia, which was located upstairs in the Hoffman Clothing Store.

Her first job was at K.W.Walters Plumbing, Heating and Electric Shop as a general office worker.

Mildred was a lifetime attending member of the Gilead Church in rural Centralia. She also served as the Treasure of the Church for 50 plus years.

Mildred and her husband Curtis enjoyed going fishing and changed to hunting Prairie Dogs for 27 years. They went hunting in West Texas and Colorado.

One of the joys Mildred had each year was to plant 20 tomato plants and then sell them along the highway. She sold them through the honor system. Mildred was still planting tomatoes for herself at the age of 99 and was a memory for a lot of people.

A Private Funeral Service for Mildred Briley will be held at a later date with burial to follow at Gilead Cemetery in rural Centralia. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Gilead Cemetery Fund and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Briley Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mildred Briley.*



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“ *I have so many fond memories of the Briley's. My parents (George and Vivian Doan) would take me along and we would go to their home where the four of them would play cards. I would spent the time coloring until I fell asleep and they got tired of playing. Such a sweet memory of my childhood. Keeping all who love Mildred in prayer. What a long amazing life! Blessed to have known her and Curtis.*

*Jane (Doan) Golchert  
Lake Ozark, MO*

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