



## Nellie Fleiss

August 18, 1947 - November 1, 2023

Linda “Nellie” Fleiss, 76, of Salem, passed away Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon.

She was born August 18, 1947 in Long Beach, California, daughter of Chester Smith and Joan (Eldred) Smith. She married Fred Fleiss on May 13, 1967 in Anaheim, CA and he preceded her in death on January 23, 2021.

Nellie is survived by her children: Michael (Ocieanna) Fleiss of Maple Valley, WA, Poppy (Matthew) Tackett and Jonathan Fleiss all of Salem, along with her grandchildren: Benjamin, Gabrielle, Christian and Abigail Fleiss; two brothers: Martin “Mike” Smith of Salem and Patrick Smith of Costa mesa, California; one sister: Peggysue Holmes of Bogue Chitto, Mississippi; and several nieces and nephews.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and two brothers: Lamar Kyzar and Marvin Kyzar.

Nellie worked as the assistant director for the Bryan-Bennett Library in Salem for 15 years until her retirement. She had a passion for helping people find the perfect book or article concerning whatever topic.

Nellie enjoyed crafting, crocheting, sewing, cooking and baking. She was very skilled, creative and she always made sure everything was in top notch condition. Being outdoors, whether it was for gardening or bird watching she liked being around nature. Nellie was an avid reader and Jeopardy watcher. If you visited Nellie at home she was usually listening to all genres of music and earlier in the years she would play the guitar with her husband, Fred.

Nellie was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She loved the time she was able to make memories and share stories with the people she loved. Although Nellie no longer stands next to us in this world, she will always be here in our hearts and in our spirits to give that extra push to get us through. Worlds are shattered with someone's departure. The family of Nellie wishes to extend out sincere thanks to our family and numerous friends that have supported us through this difficult time.

A Visitation will be held Monday, November 6, 2023 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home in Salem. A Celebration of Life Service will follow at 6:00 PM at the Funeral Home with Dr. Andy DeWitt officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Sleep in Heavenly Peace and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home 310 North Broadway/ P.O. Box 97 Salem, Illinois 62881, (618)548-1234, who is honored to be of service to Nellie's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Sutherland Funeral Homes Facebook Page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland - Rankin Funeral Home  
310 N Broadway Ave  
Salem, IL 62881  
(618) 548-1234  
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## Celebration of Life

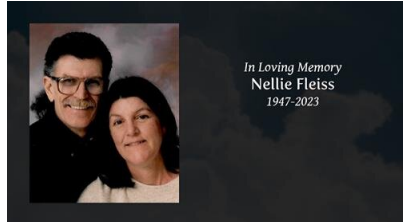
NOV 6. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM.

Sutherland - Rankin Funeral Home

# Tribute Wall



“ Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Nellie Fleiss



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - November 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM

MS

“Nellie was the best friend I had. She and I both had a Captain's Office SS Titanic keyring. I miss her so much. I will pray for her family and rejoice that she is with Fred and at peace with no more pain. Good-bye Nellie, I loved working with you at the BBL and remember you and Fred celebrating an Hawaiian party at the MCSB annex building, former church. So sorry she is gone from this earth. Hope to see her later. -- Miss Dollaine Wooley, Salem”

Miss Dollaine Wooley, Salem - November 06, 2023 at 06:13 PM

PF

“ Peggy Holmes, Karen Britt and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Nellie Fleiss.



Peggy Holmes, Karen Britt and family - November 06, 2023 at 10:33 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nellie Fleiss.*



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November 06, 2023 at 08:58 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. Praying for peace and comfort during this difficult time. I enjoyed working with Nellie. She taught me so much about the library. It was a joy to work with her. She was such a lovely person in every way. She will be greatly missed.*

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**Maxine Nash** - November 03, 2023 at 08:56 PM