



## Phyllis Bryant

July 12, 1933 - August 10, 2025

Phyllis Bryant, a devoted homemaker, cherished mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2025, at the age of 92. A lifelong resident of Centralia, Illinois, Phyllis was born on July 12, 1933, to Henry Owens and LaVerne (Flagg) Myers. She married Malcom Gene Bryant and shared 49 years with him until he passed away on January 19, 1998. Phyllis graced the world with her presence for over nine decades, leaving behind a legacy of love, faith, and family.

Phyllis dedicated her life to nurturing others. As a homemaker, she created a warm and loving environment for her family and, through her in-house daycare, she positively impacted countless children in her community. Known for her vibrant and caring nature, she was a woman of deep faith—a prayer warrior whose life was marked by her devotion to her family and her beliefs.

Her loving children survive her: Michael Gene Bryant of Florissant, MO, Marsha Jackson of Decatur, GA, Murnice McClain of Centralia, Mark Bryant (Ann) of McDonough, GA, Molia Strickland (Gregory) of Centralia, and Sterling Ardi Moore (Gentanna) of Centralia. Her legacy is carried on by her 31 grandchildren, 89 great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren; Brothers-In-Law, Kenneth L. Coleman (Caretha) of Los Altos Hill, CA and Earl Jones of Centralia; Sisters-In-law, Dr. Clara Coleman-Voss (Rick) of Tracy, CA and Remolia West of Chicago. Phyllis's life was further

enriched by Carolyn Cratic's cherished friendship and the dedicated care of Miss Georgia.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her father, Henry Owens, and her mother, LaVerne Flagg Myers; her beloved husband, Malcolm Bryant; grandsons, Jose Bryant and Sterling Williams; granddaughter-in-law, Colleen McClain; Aunt Rosie Flagg; and sons-in-law, Bernard Jackson and Marvin McClain, Sister-in-Law, Peggy Coleman. and Linda Jones.

Phyllis was a woman of elegance and grace and a passion for dancing, roller skating, drawing, and traveling. Her vibrant spirit and love for life were evident in everything she did, and her memory will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

Visitation services will be held at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia on Friday, August 22, 2025, from 6 to 8 pm. Funeral services will follow at the House of Worship Outreach Ministries at 601 East Calumet in Centralia, IL on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at 11 am, with Pastor Gregory Stickland, Co-Pastor Molia Stickland officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street in Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-3523, is honored to be of service to the Bryant family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

Phyllis Bryant will be remembered for her unyielding faith, her love of family, her joyous spirit, and the warmth she bestowed upon everyone she met. She leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion that will continue to inspire her family and friends for generations to come.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home  
235 N. Sycamore Street  
Centralia, IL 62801

## Funeral Service

AUG **23**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Worship Outreach Ministries  
601 East Calumet Street  
Centralia, IL 62801-4549

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Phyllis Bryant*



**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - August 22, 2025 at 04:35 PM

VM

*A Beautiful Woman of god inside and out god bless*

**Vicky McMullen** - August 22, 2025 at 07:08 PM

DP

*Beautiful woman inside and out she will be missed.  
Love to the family 🙏  
Dianne McGee Pester*

**Dianne Pester** - August 22, 2025 at 08:24 PM

MH

“ *Sorry for your loss may you find peace and comfort during this time. My heart is with you all. God Bless sending you hugs and prayers and love* ❤️



**Marie Hixenbaugh** - August 23, 2025 at 12:40 PM

BG

“ Fly high Phyllis and grace the heavens with your presence. ☐☐ I will always have good memories of your kindness and elegance.

Bunny Garrett - August 22, 2025 at 08:25 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis Bryant.



August 22, 2025 at 12:50 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Phyllis Bryant.

August 22, 2025 at 12:50 AM

RF

“ Rico Young and Family purchased the Arrive in S tyle for the family of Phyllis Bryant.



Rico Young and Family - August 21, 2025 at 08:12 PM

RF

“ Rico Young and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis Bryant.

Rico Young and Family - August 21, 2025 at 08:12 PM

WW

“ Your Nephew Wayman West and Wynola West and family say " we love YOU

Wayman and Wynola West - August 21, 2025 at 05:32 PM

WW

“ Love you Auntie you will always be remembered!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
Wayman and Wynola

Wayman and Wynola West - August 21, 2025 at 05:24 PM

AB

“ All of us at Bayer. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Phyllis Bryant.



All of us at Bayer. - August 21, 2025 at 12:52 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Phyllis Bryant.



August 21, 2025 at 12:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Phyllis Bryant.

August 21, 2025 at 12:50 PM

MK

“ *Marsha ,Tametra ,and Kids purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Phyllis Bryant.*



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**Marsha ,Tametra ,and Kids** - August 21, 2025 at 11:36 AM

MK

“ *Marsha ,Tametra ,and Kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis Bryant.*

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**Marsha ,Tametra ,and Kids** - August 21, 2025 at 11:36 AM

LC

“ *Love, Richard Rocky Currie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Phyllis Bryant.*



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**Love, Richard Rocky Currie** - August 21, 2025 at 10:12 AM

R)

“ I'd make the pilgrimage from  
New York City to visit home .  
While driving my car rental down  
Lincoln headed for Lincoln Liquors  
my peripheral vision saw a woman at the car wash, arms  
folded, standing in front of her  
car with both front doors open .  
I thought she may need assistance so I pulled in .  
She was about to wash a car  
that looked as clean and shiny  
as a silver dollar... And the interior  
was spotless.  
“ Mrs. Bryant , your car looks  
like it just got wash, waxed , & customized inside and out & you  
look like you're on your way to church somewhere.”  
She didn't have to bust a grape . It didn't need washing but  
I washed and vacuumed a perfectly already spotlessly clean interior  
too .  
Quality Time well spent  
I'd never engaged in such  
pleasant lengthy dialogue with her before !  
It was a labor of love ❤️ .

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Richard Currie ( Rock ) - August 21, 2025 at 02:58 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Phyllis Bryant.



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August 20, 2025 at 09:54 PM

M&

“ *Michael Bryant and family & friends purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Phyllis Bryant.*



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**Michael Bryant and family & friends** - August 20, 2025 at 04:47 PM