



Phyllis Wham

November 30, 1918 - November 30, 2014

Phyllis Wham, age 96, of Centralia, died at her home on Sunday, November 30, 2014. She was born in Centralia on October 6, 1918, to Joseph Madison Wright and Jeanette Pilcher Wright. She married James B. Wham on June 25, 1942 in West Palm Beach, Florida. He predeceased her in May of 2011. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Joe Ann Wright Bearly, and her sister-in-law, Elizabeth Wham Ziskin. Phyllis is survived by their daughters, Sarah Cary and Jennifer Price, and grandchildren Andrew Wham Cary, Stephen Wham Cary, Rebecca Ann Chandler, Susannah Jane Price, James Daniel Price, Katharine Elizabeth Price, and Mary Karen Price, as well as great-grandchildren Zachary Cary and Samantha Cary. She is also survived by her brothers-in-law, William B. Wham and Dr. Bert Ziskin, her sister-in-law, Joan Wham, her son-in-law, Daniel Price, and nieces and nephews Frankie Jo Bearly, Ann Wham Gerwin, William Douglas Wham, Jeanne Wham Hardt, Charles Ziskin, Benjamin Ziskin, Joseph Ziskin, James Ziskin, William Ziskin, David Ziskin, Mary Beth Ziskin, and Nancy Ziskin Deneen. Phyllis attended Franklin School and Centralia High School, Class of 1937. She graduated from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, as a physical education major. She and Jim were married during World War II. After the War, they moved to Champaign while he finished law school. After graduation, they returned to Centralia to raise their family. Other than those brief periods of time, Phyllis lived in Centralia, the town she dearly loved. She was a wife and mother, and a devoted member of the First Methodist Church.

She was a member of the Foltz Sunday School Class, later known as the Crusaders Class. For several years, Phyllis was the owner of "The Weed Shop", an antique and art shop on East Broadway. Phyllis was the first woman elected to the Centralia City Council. She served as councilman a total of twenty years. She loved trees. She loved flowers. She loved books. She loved a beautiful sunset. She loved her family. She loved her church. She stood her ground. She never forgot a friend. Funeral services for Phyllis Wham will be held Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. at the First United Methodist Church in Centralia with the Reverend Rusty Beals officiating. Visitation will be at the church on Saturday from 9:30 A.M. until the services begin. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Centralia Roof Fund or SSM Hospice and may be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, which is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

CZ

“ You will be loved and cherished always. Your legacy will live on in Centralia forever!

Carole Zanton - December 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ Phyllis and Jim Wham were close friends to my family, the Weigels. Nancee (Duffy) and I (Bill Weigel, Jr) have fond memories of joint family road trips to Florida with our parents and the Whams(Jim, Phyllis,Sarah & Jennifer). Much more importantly, Phyllis and Jim were devoted to the people of Centralia and shared that with our parents.Phyllis will be sadly missed, but she left a wonderful legacy that touched many lives inside the Church and throughout Centralia. Our prayers go out to Sarah and Jennifer.

William (Bill) Weigel - December 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ Just a neighbor down the way. Such a nice lady always waving at us and a sweet smile as we drove by on our way home. I will miss that sweet greeting. While I didn't know you personally its something I always looked forward to as I made my way home. It will be so different now :(.Rest in peace kind neighbor.

Nicole Johnson - December 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Jennifer and family, so sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers for all. Dale and Sandra Rutledge

December 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Jennifer and family, sorry for your loss, prayers are with you.

Joy Evans - December 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ I'm so, so very sorry for your loss. Please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Laura Pennock - December 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Dear Jennifer, Sarah & Families...I'm so very sorry ...I haven't read the paper all week & Had not realized your mom had passed. Please know we are deeply sorry & send our love n prayers to you all.

Allison Mann - December 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I was sorry of your loss. We won't be able to pay our respects cause we live here in Sun City Center, Florida.

Donna Brueggeman - December 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Jennifer and family: I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Gloria

Gloria Freels - December 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Sarah, Jennifer, and families, please accept my sympathies for the loss of your mom Phyllis. I have always had such high regards for both of your parents, since I was a mere child. :). My thoughts and Prayers are with you all at this sad time. Her & Jim are together again, as they should be!

Peggy Beal - December 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ I will never forget the little elephant pin she gave me. She was my families good friend. My dad and her were best buddies. Now they are having a ball in heaven, exchanging stories. I will miss her.

Victoria Migliore - December 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM