



Barbara Aline Prater

April 5, 1931 - May 20, 2018

Barbara Aline Prater, 87, of Thebes, Illinois died Sunday, May 20, 2018 at her home.

She was born April 5, 1931 in Fayville, Illinois to Berlie and Mary Ruth Miles Snell.

She and Robert Gene Prater were married April 29, 1950 at Piggott, Arkansas. He preceded her in death on March 9, 2008.

Barbara was a graduate of Thebes High School.

She worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone as an operator, Davis Electric, Florsheim Shoe and Dollar General Store.

She liked doing crosswords, quilting, sewing, crocheting, cooking, gardening, and growing flowers. She was known for her Halloween popcorn balls.

While her kids were growing up, her home was the favorite place of all the neighborhood kids. She raised lots of kids. She was a good babysitter and had a special love for all her grandchildren.

Survivors include three sons, Robert (Sharon) Prater of McClure, Illinois, Gary

Prater of Thebes and Randy (Shelia) Prater of McClure; one daughter, Linda (David) Stevens of McClure; two brothers, John "Butch" (Wanda) Snell of Dongola, Illinois, Kenny Snell of Lafayette, Colorado; four sisters, Fern McIntyre of Buford, Georgia; Monnie Simpkins of Anna, Illinois, Sue (Mervin) Lence of Lick Creek, Illinois, Janet (Vernon) Roth of Cape Girardeau; friend and sister-in-law, Patricia Mathis of Cape Girardeau; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; two sisters, Cecil Rebecca Snell and Patsy Mayland Taylor; and two brothers, Berlie Edward "Jr." Snell and Donald Wayne Snell.

Friends may call 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at Ford & Sons Sprigg St. Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 am Friday, May 25, 2018 at Ford & Sons Sprigg St. Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Randy Morgan officiating.

Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Thebes.

Memorial contributions may be given to Alzheimer's Association.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

Thebes, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **24**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Sprigg St. Chapel
118 S. Sprigg St.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Service

MAY **25**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MC

“ I always looked forward as a child to get to go trick or treating at Mrs. Barbs and Mr. Bob's house. She always made popcorn balls and that was the 1 treat that I looked forward to the most. She will be greatly missed. Prayers of Comfort to you all.

Melissa C Criddle - May 24, 2018 at 11:05 AM

JC

“ James, Nancy & Tammy Charles purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Barbara Aline Prater.



James, Nancy & Tammy Charles - May 23, 2018 at 04:20 PM

RJ

“ RHONDA JACKSON purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Barbara Aline Prater.



RHONDA JACKSON - May 23, 2018 at 02:35 AM

DB

“ Randy and Shelia and everyone I'm sorry for your loss we love ya'll. Hugs for ya'll I love Barb wonderful woman will be greatly missed

Deanna Matlock Bai - May 23, 2018 at 12:32 AM