



## Alma Leola Bless

August 17, 1937 - April 30, 2026

In honor of Leola's local family we are sharing her obituary, with the permission of Staab Funeral Home of Springfield, Illinois.

Alma Leola Bless, 88, of Vienna, formerly of Springfield, passed away at 12:20 am, Thursday, April 30, 2026, at SIH Herrin Hospital. She was born August 17, 1937 in Vienna, the daughter of the late Charles and Velma (Newton) Riley. She married Charles Bless in December of 1971 and preceded her in death on July 23, 2001.

She is survived by one brother, Chesley Riley of Vienna; three sisters, Charlene Upchurch of Texas, Melva (Dewey) Cameron of Marion, and Donna Riley of Vienna; two stepsons, Michael (Brenda) Bless of Oklahoma and Eric (Margaret) Bless of St. Louis, MO and several nieces and nephews.

Leola was a resident of Springfield since 1955 and moved back to Southern Illinois in 2024.

She retired from the State of Illinois after 33 years of service.

Per Leola's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded and no services will be held.



# Tribute Wall

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“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Alma  
Leola Bless*



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**John Slack** - 4 hours ago

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“ *I remember her when growing up when I was  
a kid. She was about the age of my sister  
Martha. They were are next door neighbors.  
God bless the family.*



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**Lowell and Susie Trovillion** - 5 hours ago