



Bertha M. Caraker

March 19, 1922 - June 6, 2019

Bertha M. Caraker, age 97 years, a resident of Buncombe, passed away Thursday afternoon, June 6, 2019, at 2:17 PM, at her home. At the time of her passing, Bertha was surrounded by members of her loving family.

Bertha was born at the family home near Buncombe on March 19, 1922. She was the daughter of Samuel Joseph and Jessie Maude (Meneese) Littlepage.

On August 31, 1940, Bertha was united in marriage to Delbert L. "Pete" Caraker in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He preceded her in death on October 23, 1988.

Bertha is survived by: her son – Delbert D. (Betty) Caraker of Marion; 2 daughters – Ann Ford of Karnak and Alice (Roy) Sims of Buncombe; a sister – Martha (Wilmur) Cluver of Watseka; a brother – Francis Littlepage of Sacramento, California; 8 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren and 8 great-great grandchildren. Bertha was anticipating the birth of a great-great granddaughter who will be born later this month. Additionally, Bertha is survived by a countless number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Bertha was preceded in death by: a daughter – Clara Osborne; 6 brothers; and 4 sons-in-law – Neal Ford, Fred

Houseman, Johnny Racey and Jim Osborne.

Bertha was a graduate of Buncombe Grade School. She also attended two years of high school at the Buncombe High School.

Bertha was employed as a clerk by Arlie Grant at the grocery store in Buncombe. Additionally, she worked at Kinder's Grocery and Restaurant as well as the Scenic View as a cook. Bertha worked for many years as a finisher at Florsheim Shoe Company in Anna.

Bertha was a member of Grange Hall Freewill Baptist Church near Marion. She was a 60 plus year member of Goreville Chapter # 1009 Order of the Eastern Star as well as holding a dual membership with Egyptian Chapter # 30 Order of the Eastern Star in Vienna.

A service honoring the life of Bertha Caraker will be held Tuesday morning, June 11, 2019, at 10 AM at Grange Hall Freewill Baptist Church, 9950 Grassy Road, Marion, Illinois. Pastor Kevin McNeely will officiate. Burial will be in the Mt. Zion Cemetery east of Buncombe.

Following the committal service, a luncheon for family and friends will be held at Grange Hall Church.

The family will receive friends and relatives after 5 PM Monday, June 10, 2019, at Grange Hall Church. An Eastern Star service will be conducted at 7 PM Monday at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Mt. Zion Cemetery Fund, c/o Owen Lee Webb, 1900 Mt. Zion Road, Vienna, IL 62995.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 10. 5:00 PM (CT)

Grange Hall Freewill Baptist Church
9950 Grassy Road
Marion, IL 62959

Eastern Star Rites

JUN 10. 7:00 PM (CT)

Grange Hall Freewill Baptist Church
9950 Grassy Road
Marion, IL 62959

Service

JUN 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Grange Hall Freewill Baptist Church
9950 Grassy Road
Marion, IL 62959

Luncheon

JUN 11. 12:30 PM (CT)

Grange Hall Freewill Baptist Church
9950 Grassy Road
Marion, IL 62959

Tribute Wall



“ *Bertha M. Caraker*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *I was very saddened to learn that Bertha had passed away. She was a very gentle, kind and loving lady who carried the love of God in her heart ❤️.*

I was privileged to be Bertha's family physician how many years and always enjoyed getting to visit with her during the times of her office visits at my clinic In Murphysboro.

I send my deepest condolences to her family.

Dr Thomas W Kupferer - June 14, 2019 at 09:07 AM



“ *Sweetest woman and child of God. I know He welcomed you home and you are at rest. I am grateful to have met you.*

Janet Cash - June 09, 2019 at 09:48 PM



Dennis and Eva Prater. Bertha you were such a sweetheart. We loved you so. You had a heart of gold. You were such an inspiration to us.

Dennis and Eva Prater - June 12, 2019 at 12:48 AM



“ *How blessed we are to have known Bertha. She will missed by everyone, but our loss is Heaven's gain. We love you all and are praying for you in this difficult time. Steve and Darla Jones*

Steve and Darla Jones - June 09, 2019 at 06:58 PM

BR

“ Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Bertha M. Caraker



Bobby Rentfro - June 09, 2019 at 12:06 AM

AB

“ Anita Bullock lit a candle in memory of Bertha M. Caraker



Anita Bullock - June 08, 2019 at 04:12 PM

ER

“ Elaine (McKenzie) Rotan lit a candle in memory of Bertha M. Caraker



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JW

“ Jane Ross Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Bertha M. Caraker



Jane Ross Wright - June 08, 2019 at 12:49 AM

JW

Alice, sorry to hear of your Mother passing. May God comfort you and your family during this time.

Jane Ross Wright - June 08, 2019 at 12:50 AM

DJ

“ Bertha was a precious one of a kind soul. I will always cherish childhood memories playing down at "Berthies" with Ann and Alice. My Family was lucky to have had her as a neighbor and friend. Love to Family



Donna Jones - June 07, 2019 at 09:31 PM

JS

“ John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Bertha M. Caraker



John Slack - June 07, 2019 at 08:50 PM



“ Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of Bertha M. Caraker



Jeannie McCall - June 07, 2019 at 08:39 PM

JH

“ Jerry & Rondice Houseman lit a candle in memory of Bertha M. Caraker



Jerry & Rondice Houseman - June 07, 2019 at 05:11 PM

SR

“ SHERI ROBINSON lit a candle in memory of Bertha M. Caraker



SHERI ROBINSON - June 07, 2019 at 04:51 PM

ML

One of the sweetest ladies I ever met, I will miss her. Mike and dorain lingle

Mike lingle - June 08, 2019 at 10:25 AM

Jeanne McKenzie

“ Jeanne McKenzie lit a candle in memory of Bertha M. Caraker



Jeanne McKenzie - June 07, 2019 at 04:49 PM

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Ann, so sorry for the loss of your mother. Richard and I are out of town and will not be able to attend the funeral. We will be thinking of you.

Jeanne McKenzie - June 07, 2019 at 04:52 PM

Paula
Sullivan

“ *Paula Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Bertha M. Caraker*



Paula Sullivan - June 07, 2019 at 03:52 PM

NB

“ *Bertha was a very special lady and dearly loved by all. Precious memories of childhood times spent in her home. My thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time. I love you all.*



Nancy & Ray Breeden - June 07, 2019 at 03:37 PM

SH

“ *Steve & Jeannie Housewright lit a candle in memory of Bertha M. Caraker*



Steve & Jeannie Housewright - June 07, 2019 at 03:01 PM