



Bettajean Hester

May 11, 1934 - April 15, 2013

Bettajean Hester

Age: 78 years

A resident of Belknap, Illinois.

Passed away Monday, April 15, 2013, at 10:15 AM at the Southgate Health Care Center in Metropolis, Illinois.

Bettajean was born May 11, 1934 in Vienna, Illinois. She was the daughter of Joseph E. and Dimple (Comer) Cheek.

Bettajean was united in marriage to her high school sweetheart, Kenneth Ray Hester, on January 27, 1952 at the First Baptist Church in Vienna. Together, they enjoyed over 58 years of marriage, prior to Kenneth Ray's passing on September 9, 2010.

Survivors include:

A Son – David & Janet Hester

Grandchildren – Paul Blankenship, Jason & Jolene Thimoleas, Heather Renee VanZile, Amanda Hester, Brandi Short, Brittany Johnson, Bridgett McMurtry, and Bergendi Johnson

Great Grandchildren – Alyssia, Serenity & Devan VanZile, Sadie Rogers,

Jayden Thimoleas, and Aiden Hester

A Son-in-Law – Jim Blankenship

Sisters-in-Law – Norma Hodge and Janice Huckelberry

Nieces and Nephews

In addition to her parents and husband, Bettajeon was preceded in death by:

2 Daughters – Lucinda Rae Thimoleas and Carla Jane Blankenship

A Granddaughter – Diane Lee Blankenship

3 Brothers – James Lloyd Cheek, Joseph Comer Cheek, & Raymond Cheek

Bettajeon was a homemaker. She was a member of Bethany Baptist Church near Cypress, Illinois. Bettajeon enjoyed ballroom dancing, camping and flower gardening. She was a voracious reader.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning, April 20, 2013, at 11 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Jay Franklin will officiate.

Burial will be in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 6 PM – 9 PM Friday at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 2524 Farragut Drive, Suite A, Springfield, IL 62704 or to the Heather Harper Treat Memorial Cancer Fund, PO Box 98, Vienna, IL 62995.

Cemetery Details

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **19**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
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Service

APR **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bettajean Hester*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Lacey Dodson lit a candle in memory of Bettajean Hester*



Lacey Dodson - April 24, 2013 at 09:33 PM



“ *Carl Thorne lit a candle in memory of Bettajean Hester*



Carl Thorne - April 19, 2013 at 11:13 AM



“ *David and Janet, We are so very sorry for your loss and we pray your precious memories help ease the sorrow in the days ahead.*

Debbie Newton & Sam Riley - April 18, 2013 at 10:14 PM

GW

“ Greg And Denise Wasuleski lit a candle in memory of Bettajean Hester



Greg and Denise Wasuleski - April 18, 2013 at 07:14 PM

WJ

“ William And Alice Jefford lit a candle in memory of Bettajean Hester



William and Alice Jefford - April 18, 2013 at 11:12 AM

LK

“ Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Bettajean Hester



Linda Koehler - April 17, 2013 at 08:25 PM

DH

“ We Love You



David and Janet Hester - April 17, 2013 at 07:00 AM

JB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jim Blankenship - April 16, 2013 at 05:36 PM

LJ

“ Loretta Johnson lit a candle in memory of Bettajean Hester



Loretta Johnson - April 16, 2013 at 04:22 AM

ER

“ I love you Granny and will never forget you. You were probably the sweetest woman I've ever known and I could only hope to be half the woman you were.



Erica Rahn - April 15, 2013 at 07:26 PM

CB

Praying for your family- The Orange Family

Carol Orange Bryant - April 16, 2013 at 04:19 PM