



## Betty Jean (Choate) Gale

August 9, 1929 - June 1, 2023

Betty Jean (Choate) Gale, age 93 years, a resident of rural DuQuoin, Illinois and a native of the Reevesville Community in Johnson County Illinois, passed away Thursday morning, June 1, 2023, at 9 A.M. at her home.

Betty was born August 9, 1929 in Reevesville. She was the youngest of seven children born to Walter Choate and Gertrude (Royster) Choate.

On August 16, 1947, Betty was united in married to Donald Eugene “Gene” Fowler. He preceded her in death on September 24, 1971. She was then united in marriage to Howard Lawrence Carr on March 31, 1973. He preceded her in death on September 28, 1980. She was united in marriage to Glen B. Gale on February 27, 1982. He preceded her in death on November 30, 2013.

Betty is survived by: her children – Barbra L. Leigh of Elkhart, Illinois and Phyllis K. (her husband, Gary) Jones of DuQuoin, Illinois; 3 grandsons – Don S. (his wife, Christina) Funk of Tunnel Hill, Illinois, Matthew G. (his wife, Kathi) Jones of Tamaroa, Illinois and Devin M. (his wife, Elizabeth) Jones of DuQuoin, Illinois; 5 great grandchildren – Alexandra N. (her husband, Chris) Funk Rawson of Murphysboro, Illinois, Madison K. (her husband, Michael) Jones-Smith of Columbia, Missouri, Zach G. Jones of Tamaroa, Brayden S. Jokisch of DuQuoin, Illinois, and Brooklyn G. Jones of DuQuoin, Illinois; 2 Great-Great Granddaughters – Nora Jean Rawson and Nala Jane Rawson

both of Murphysboro; as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to her parents and husbands, Betty Jean was preceded in death by her siblings – Helen McBride, Marion Choate, Mildred Haynes, Pauline Trovillion, Charles “Bud” Choate, and Wanda Choate.

Betty was employed as a mental health technician at the former Anna State Hospital for several years prior to her retirement in the 1980’s.

Betty was a member of the Elkhaville Baptist Church, where she had taught an adult Sunday School class. Betty also enjoyed music and singing. She was an excellent seamstress and enjoyed attending her grandchildren and great grandchildren’s sporting events and activities.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday afternoon, June 6, 2023, at 12 Noon at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Burial will be in the Reevesville Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, June 6, 2023, from 11 AM – 12 Noon at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Residential Hospice of Southern Illinois, 104 Airway Drive #1, Marion, IL 62959 or to the Elkhaville Baptist Church, P.O. Box 157, Elkhaville, Illinois 62932

# Cemetery Details

## Reevesville Cemetery

15 Wright Lane  
Grantsburg, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2311  
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Betty Jean (Choate) Gale



Bailey Funeral Home - June 06, 2023 at 01:03 PM



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WS

*I'm so sorry I didn't know about My Precious Friends passing until yesterday. She was such a dear friend to me We worked together at Anna State Hospital for several years. I saw Betty through many trials of losing her companions. We got together as often as we could and had many laughs of our past at the hospital. I considered Betty as being like a sister to me. I loved her as one. I'm sorry I didn't get to her new place and see her as she was so proud of it. Betty, I loved you so much You always told me you could remember my age because she was 10 years older than me. Betty, you were such a good Christian friend who loved the Lord and loved going to gospel singings as I did. We will see you again when I get to Heaven. Rest in peace, my dear friend.*

Wanda Schlenker - June 09, 2023 at 02:38 PM

DT

“ *Barbra and Phyllis I am so sorry to hear of Aunt Betty’s passing. I sure wish we had stayed in contact but the years just seem to fly by. Please know that you and your families are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Debbie Palmier Tackett - June 08, 2023 at 11:59 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Jean (Choate) Gale.*



June 04, 2023 at 11:07 AM

JS

“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty Jean (Choate) Gale*



John Slack - June 03, 2023 at 09:17 AM

CW

“ *Clearon And Jane Ross Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty Jean (Choate) Gale*



Clearon and Jane Ross Wright - June 03, 2023 at 01:41 AM

CW

*Barbra and family. So sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. May God comfort you all at this sad time.  
Clearon and Jane Ross Wright.*

Clearon and Jane Ross Wright - June 03, 2023 at 01:45 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Betty Jean (Choate) Gale.*



June 02, 2023 at 08:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Betty Jean (Choate) Gale.

June 02, 2023 at 08:01 PM

JT

“ *Betty was a very nice lady who I knew from childhood she is I think one of the last of the ladies of reevesville from when I was young.*

Joyce Shaw Taylor - June 02, 2023 at 05:15 PM

TT

“ *Such a beautiful, sweet lady. Spent time on the telephone and visiting with her years ago. Wish her last years could have been easier for her and those who loved her. She remembered Bud, and me by proxy last time I saw her. They are reunited, as well as so many others gone before. You're all a wonderful family, so sorry for your loss.*



Toni Taylor - June 01, 2023 at 08:37 PM