



Betty Jo Casper

May 15, 1926 - January 27, 2020

Betty Jo Casper, age 93, a resident of rural Belknap Illinois, passed away peacefully Monday evening at her home with her 4 daughters at her bedside. She was born May 15, 1926 in Cypress, Illinois to Mary Belle (Karraker) and Leland Keller. On December 27th, 1947 in Carbondale, Illinois, she married Guy "Bud" Casper, Jr., who preceded her in death in 2015.

Betty Jo is survived by her brother, Charles Mason, III, and his wife, Sandy; her 4 daughters and their husbands— Sarah Jane and Michael Bailey of Lubbock, Texas, Betty Jean and Scott Obourn of Vienna, IL, Judy Sue and Michael Brummer of Shumway, IL, and Joyce Elaine and Dan Teich of St. Joseph, Michigan; 12 grandchildren and their spouses- Tiffany and Nathan Bigelow, Brandon and Nikki Bailey, Melanie and Harry Blackstock, Darren Obourn, Malcolm and Amanda Obourn, John Obourn, Jason and Tiffany Brummer, Jennifer and Jeff Bunton, Amanda and Matt Everett, Chris and Morgan Teich, Sarah Jane and Jake Meyers and Ryan Teich; 20 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives, many dear friends, and her faithful and beloved dog, Lily. In addition to her parents and husband, her beloved step-father, Charles H. Mason, II preceded her in death.

Betty Jo spent her childhood in Cypress, IL with her parents Mary Belle and Charles and her brother, Charles. She was a graduate of Vienna High School and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, graduating in 1948. She

worked for many years as a teacher in several schools in Southern Illinois, including Ullin, Century and Dongola High Schools, retiring from Dongola High School in 1981. After her retirement from teaching, Betty Jo became an Emergency Medical Technician and volunteered with the Johnson County Ambulance Service. Betty Jo was active in the Belknap United Methodist Church, volunteering as a Sunday School teacher and Church Treasurer in past years. She was a past active member in the Eastern Star, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Delta Kappa Gamma and the Johnson County Home Extension. In 1973, Betty Jo was inducted into the Beta Omicron chapter of Delta Pi Epsilon, a National Honorary Graduate Fraternity in Business Education which now exists as the research division of the National Business Education Association.

Betty Jo was also a dedicated farm wife and a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, supporting her family through many challenges and celebrating an abundance of successes over the years. After their retirement, Betty Jo and Bud indulged their passions for travel and fishing. Together they ventured to Alaska, Australia and many other destinations and enjoyed several winters in their Florida home near Lake Okeechobee. They enjoyed 67 wonderful years of marriage before Bud's death in 2015.

Betty Jo's visitation will be conducted Saturday, February 1, 2020, from 12 Noon – 2 PM with Funeral service at 2 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna, Illinois. Pastor Steve Heisner will officiate. Burial will be in the Cypress Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Belknap United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 167, Belknap, Illinois 62908 or to the Spero Family Services (formerly known as United Methodist Children's Home), 2023 Richview Road, Mt. Vernon, Illinois 62864.

Cemetery Details

Cypress Cemetery

5847 State Route 37 South
Cypress, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
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Service

FEB 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Jo Casper*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *My sympathy to the family. I had the pleasure of teaching with Betty Jo at Dongola, and I always felt she was one of the best teachers I had known. She was always very positive and very professional. Since that time, nearly thirty years ago, she and I have maintained our friendship.*

Wayne Dunn - February 01, 2020 at 11:06 AM



“ *Bonnie-Sue sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty Jo Casper*



Bonnie-Sue - January 31, 2020 at 07:05 PM



I will always treasure my time spent with Miss Betty and her family. Miss Betty was a true pleasure to care for... from her "locomotive girl"



Bonnie-Sue - January 31, 2020 at 07:07 PM

VB

“ I think of Mrs Casper each time I type something. She was a very special teacher & I've always been appreciative of all the business skills & lessons I learned in her classes. Vickie Brown DHS class of 1969

Victoria Brown - January 31, 2020 at 02:21 PM

DB

“ As a new teacher at Dongola in 1966, Mrs. Casper was always willing to offer advice and assistance as I learned how to deal with the ever day responsibilities as a teacher. She always dressed very professional and was extremely friendly.

I left in 1972 and moved to Steeleville to become high school principal, but I tried to keep in touch with all of the friends that I had made at Dongola.

Mrs. Casper....Thanks for the dedication and devotions to the young people who were under your guidance over the years. Your four daughters had a great example to follow!

May God Bless your family during this time.

*Don Badgley
314 North Meadow Lane
Steeleville, Illinois 62288
618-615-3397*

Don Badgley - January 31, 2020 at 09:28 AM

SG

“ *Betty & Bud were always so friendly & kind. I'm sorry for your family at this time. I pray God will be with you.* ”



Sondra Goins - January 30, 2020 at 11:47 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Casper.* ”



January 30, 2020 at 10:54 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Casper.* ”



January 30, 2020 at 07:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Casper.* ”



January 30, 2020 at 06:32 PM

PW

“ So sorry for your loss.



pat womack - January 30, 2020 at 11:08 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Casper.



January 30, 2020 at 08:59 AM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Casper.



January 29, 2020 at 05:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Casper.



January 29, 2020 at 04:19 PM

JH

“ *Jerry Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Betty Jo Casper*



Jerry Hawkins - January 29, 2020 at 02:16 PM

JR

“ *So sorry for your loss.*



Jim and Rosemary Rouse - January 29, 2020 at 01:25 PM

JS

“ *John & Kim Stivers purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Betty Jo Casper.*



John & Kim Stivers - January 29, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Casper.*



January 29, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Casper.*



January 29, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ *Steve&Kathy Lay lit a candle in memory of Betty Jo Casper*



Steve&Kathy Lay - January 29, 2020 at 11:35 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss, Joyce.*



Toni Taylor - January 29, 2020 at 09:38 AM



“ *UMC Security- Lubbock, Texas purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Betty Jo Casper.*



UMC Security- Lubbock, Texas - January 29, 2020 at 09:22 AM

DP

“ *Davis And Pat Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Betty Jo Casper*



Davis and Pat Prewitt - January 29, 2020 at 08:05 AM

TR

“ *Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Betty Jo Casper*



Teresa Richerson - January 29, 2020 at 07:41 AM

VE

“ *Vicki Eastwood lit a candle in memory of Betty Jo Casper*



Vicki Eastwood - January 28, 2020 at 09:16 PM

C(


Ms Casper was a very good teacher. I took typing, bookkeeping, office practice and journalism from her. It was fun and we learned a lot from her. So sorry for your loss.

Carmen (Howell)Brown - January 29, 2020 at 01:20 PM

LW

I'm so very sorry to hear of Betty Joe's passing. I offer all my love and belated condolences to her family. I knew Betty Joe through my mom who taught at Dongola, Mary Ann Barnett and through her amazing daughters. She was a lovely dear friend to my mom, a welcoming presence to me and the portal for so much life and so much love. Leigh Ann Wolf-Barnett

Leigh Wolf-Barnett - October 04, 2024 at 11:29 PM

 Katrina Treat

“ Katrina Treat lit a candle in memory of Betty Jo Casper




Katrina Treat - January 28, 2020 at 09:02 PM

LK

“ Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Betty Jo Casper



linda koehler - January 28, 2020 at 08:41 PM

 Jeanne McKenzie

“ I am not in the area now but would like to extend my sympathy to the family. Prayers for peace.

Jeanne McKenzie - January 28, 2020 at 07:35 PM

BW

“ *Bill And Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of Betty Jo Casper*



Bill and Barb Warmack - January 28, 2020 at 04:54 PM



“ *Carolyn Spurlock lit a candle in memory of Betty Jo Casper*



Carolyn Spurlock - January 28, 2020 at 04:47 PM

JH

“ *Such a sweet soul. She will be missed. Prayers for the family during this difficult time.*



Janet & David Hester - January 28, 2020 at 02:50 PM

CH

“ *Cheryl Harris lit a candle in memory of Betty Jo Casper*



Cheryl Harris - January 28, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ Mike Crews lit a candle in memory of Betty Jo Casper



Mike Crews - January 28, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ Lora Goddard lit a candle in memory of Betty Jo Casper



Lora Goddard - January 28, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ Betty Jo was a wonderful lady.
Peggy Jean Smoot



Peggy Jean Smoot - January 28, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty Jo Casper



John Slack - January 28, 2020 at 10:59 AM

KB

“ *Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Betty Jo Casper*



Karen Brumley - January 28, 2020 at 10:48 AM

SR

“ *Sheri Robinson lit a candle in memory of Betty Jo Casper*



Sheri Robinson - January 28, 2020 at 10:04 AM