



## Betty K. Speck

October 1, 1933 - December 27, 2024

Betty K. Speck, age 91 years, a resident of the Brownfield community in Pope County, Illinois and a former resident of Johnson County for 41 years, passed away Friday morning, December 27, 2024, at 12:37 A.M. at the Metropolis Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Betty was born October 1, 1933 in Johnson County Illinois. She was the fourth of five children born to Earl and Claris (Kerley) Wright.

On August 24, 1974, Betty was united in marriage to Wayne Speck at the Simpson Baptist Church. Together, Wayne and Betty, had shared over 50 years of marriage.

In addition to her devoted husband, Betty is survived by: a daughter – Carolyn Mount of Vienna, Illinois; grandchildren – Heath (Christy) Gorden of Benton, Illinois and Misty (B.J.) Barger of Vienna, Illinois; great grandchildren – Madison (Wyatt) Bridges of Edwardsville, Illinois and Collin Miller of Benton, Illinois; a sister-in-law – Mary King of Elgin, Illinois; as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends and neighbors.

In addition to her parents, Betty was preceded in death by 4 brothers – Hal, Bill, Jean and Buster Wright; a son-in-law – Jerry Mount and a brother-in-law – Carlos King.

Betty attended Vienna High School. She earned her L.P.N. (Licensed Practical Nurse) certification from Shawnee Community College. Betty was employed in the surgical department at the former Marion Memorial Hospital. She later was employed at the Hillview Health Care Center in Vienna prior to beginning her career in Health Services at the Vienna Correctional Center. She retired with 16 years of service.

Betty was a member of the Pope County Homemaker's Extension. She enjoyed crafting, making ceramics, and quilting. Betty and Wayne also enjoyed traveling. Betty is remembered for "always being busy." She never saw a stranger and was always there to help her family, friends and neighbors.

Betty was a devout Christian and faithful member of the Glendale United Methodist Church. She had taught children's Sunday School and volunteered in Bible School. Betty also served for a number of years as the president of the Mary Circle.

Funeral services will be held Monday, December 30, 2024, at 2 P.M. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor David Wright and Pastor Pete Ryan will officiate. Burial will be in the Metropolis Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be conducted Monday afternoon, December 30, 2024, from 12 Noon until the funeral hour at 2 P.M. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Glendale United Methodist Church, c/o Charlotte Benard, 45 Cedar Grove Road, Simpson, Illinois 62985.

# Cemetery Details

## Metropolis Memorial Gardens

North Avenue  
Metropolis, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 30. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2311  
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com  
<https://baileyfh.com>

## Service

DEC 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

LM

“ My condolences to Betty’s families and especially to Wayne. Betty was such a positive person and had endless energy in completing her work. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

Larry and Barb Mizell - December 31, 2024 at 07:20 PM

JS

“ John Slack lit a candle in memory of Betty K. Speck



John Slack - December 29, 2024 at 09:53 AM

CW

“ Clearon Jr And Jane Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty K. Speck



Clearon Jr and Jane Wright - December 29, 2024 at 12:18 AM

CW

*Sending our sympathy. Betty was a good friend of Clearon’s parents.*

Clearon Jr and Jane Wright - December 29, 2024 at 12:20 AM

KA

“ I’m so sorry for your loss, Carolyn. Prayers of comfort, peace & strength to you & your family.



Kathy(Black)Holt - December 28, 2024 at 07:18 PM

DH

“ David And Ellen Hill lit a candle in memory of Betty K. Speck



David and Ellen Hill - December 28, 2024 at 03:13 PM

MM

“ Margaret Mathis lit a candle in memory of Betty K. Speck



Margaret Mathis - December 28, 2024 at 09:21 AM

BJ

“ Barbara Jeffress lit a candle in memory of Betty K. Speck



Barbara jeffress - December 28, 2024 at 09:13 AM

DE

“ *Debbie(Stevens)Poe lit a candle in memory of Betty K. Speck*



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**Debbie(Stevens)Poe** - December 28, 2024 at 12:19 AM