



Betty J. Willyard

February 22, 1928 - May 10, 2026

To join the livestream of Betty's funeral service, please select the link below. The service broadcast will begin at 12:55 P.M. CST Thursday, May 14, 2026 and will be archived for 90 days from the service date for future viewing. <https://together.oneroomstreaming.com/GK4HL8>

Betty J. Willyard, 98, of Vienna, passed away on Sunday, May 10, 2026 at 7:55 pm at Deaconess Illinois Medical Center in Marion.

Betty was born February 22, 1928 in the Bloomfield Township of Johnson County, she was the sixth child born to Lloyd and Mattie (Taylor) Haden. She married Frank Willyard in 1946 in Murray, Kentucky and he preceded her in death on December 24, 1989.

Betty was an excellent cook and baker, through the years she made and decorated many wedding cakes.

She owned Betty's Kitchen, a restaurant in Vienna for 5 years. She was a cook at the Jolly Red Pig in Vienna for 10 years as well as working as a cook at the Whistlers and Whittlers Senior Citizens Center for 10 years.

Betty also performed nursing tasks and cared for the ill and elderly, finally retiring at the age of 85.

Betty is survived by her Son – Frank (Linda) Willyard, Jr. of Harrisville, Michigan. Four grandchildren – Angela (Adam) Ackmann of Collinsville, Oklahoma, James (Brandy) Willyard of Lakeville, Michigan, Kimberly Willyard of Deerfield Beach, Florida, Jessica Jo (Daniel Fabian) Willyard of Roseville, Michigan. Great grandchildren – Samantha, Sabrina, Amber, Michael, Chelsea and Great great grandchildren – Shamus, Robert and Harper. A host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her Parents and Husband, she was preceded in death by Sisters – Inez Ross, Clara Drewes and Brothers – Raymond, Randall, Marvin, Donald and Earl Gene Haden, a Great grandson Miguel Mata, Jr., Stepson Larry Willyard, Stepdaughter Johanna Whittaker

A service honoring the life of Betty Willyard will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 1 pm at Bailey Funeral Home with Steve Shoemaker officiating.

Burial will follow in Fraternal Cemetery in Vienna.

Visitation will be conducted Thursday, May 14, 2026, from 11 A.M. until the service hour at 1 P.M. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Simpson Baptist Church, 7095 State Route 147, Simpson, Illinois 62985

Cemetery Details

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

MAY 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Love, Nephew Don Haden Jr. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Betty J. Willyard.



Love, Nephew Don Haden Jr. - May 13 at 12:56 PM



“ I did Betty's hair for many years and She made me the best Sugar Cookies i loved her so much and i was raised in Bloomfield also , She will be Missed



Bill&Nancy Belford - May 12 at 10:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty J. Willyard.



May 12 at 06:57 PM



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

May 12 at 06:57 PM

TR

“ Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Willyard



Teresa Richerson - May 12 at 08:25 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Betty J. Willyard.



May 11 at 06:56 PM



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JT

“ Janis Tapley lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Willyard



Janis Tapley - May 11 at 06:51 PM

JS

“ *John Slack lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Willyard*



John Slack - May 11 at 05:58 PM

AC

“ *Alice And Buster Clover lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Willyard*



Alice and Buster Clover - May 11 at 02:49 PM

LM

“ *Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Betty J. Willyard*



Larry and Carolyn McGill - May 11 at 02:20 PM