



Carolyn Sue Kerley

August 24, 1944 - December 20, 2025

To join the livestream of Carolyn's funeral service, please select the link below. The service broadcast will begin at 12:55 P.M. Tuesday, December 23, 2025. The service will be archived for 90 days from the date of service for future viewing.

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Carolyn Sue Kerley, age 81 years, a resident of Vienna, Illinois, passed away Saturday, December 20, 2025, at 4:42 P.M. at the Southgate Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Metropolis, Illinois.

Carolyn was born August 24, 1944 in Pope County Illinois. She was the daughter of Elmer and Dottie E. (Tharp) Taber.

On June 29, 1962, Carolyn was united in marriage to Donald G. Kerley in West Vienna, Illinois. He preceded her in death on April 12, 2014.

Carolyn is survived by: her daughters – Sherri (Ty) Ross and Beth (Mark) Elliott all of Vienna, Illinois; grandchildren – Kassandra (Shane) Taylor, Cory (Gracie) Ross, Cady (Tyler) Morris, Kodee (his fiancé – Kenadee Halley) Ross, Kelsi Ingle, and Levi (Elyssa) Ingle; great grandchildren – Tenleigh Taylor, Beckett Taylor, Hattie Ross, and Hayden Morris; her siblings – Janice

Shoemaker of Harrisburg, Illinois, Jack Taber of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Brenda (Larry) Hogg of Harrisburg, Illinois, Cindy (Paul) Obermark and Randy (Susan) Taber all of Metropolis, Illinois; a sister-in-law – Terry Taber Combee of Lakeland, Florida; her husband Donald's siblings – Rillis Kerley, Roy (Ann) Kerley, Letha Breeden and Wilma Murphy; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Carolyn was preceded in death by 3 brothers – Robert Taber, Larry Taber, and Norris Taber; as well as a sister-in-law – Laura Taber.

In her youth, Carolyn was employed at the Simpson Post Office. She then attended cosmetology school in Harrisburg and operated “Carol's Beauty Shop” from her home for a number of years.

Carolyn enjoyed a number of hobbies and past times, including – quilting, fishing, and raising flowers. She and Don also enjoyed traveling.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon, December 23, 2025, at 1 P.M. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Brother Les Chamberlain will officiate.

Interment will be in the Rock Springs Cemetery, near Simpson.

Visitation will be conducted Tuesday, December 23, 2025, from 11 A.M. until the funeral hour at 1 P.M. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Rock Springs Cemetery, c/o Roy Kerley, 8335 State Route 147, Simpson, Illinois 62985 or to Mercy Health Hospice, 225 Medical Center Drive, Suite 203, Paducah, Kentucky 42003.

Cemetery Details

Rock Springs Cemetery

Simpson, IL 62985

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 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 Carolyn Sue Kerley*



Bailey Funeral Home - December 24, 2025 at 11:59 AM

NB

“ *Nancy Simmons Belford lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Sue Kerley*



Nancy Simmons Belford - December 26, 2025 at 03:39 PM

LM

“ *Linda And Jeff Mathis lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Sue Kerley*



Linda and Jeff Mathis - December 24, 2025 at 10:59 AM

TH

“ Tom & Connie Herman lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Sue Kerley



Tom & Connie Herman - December 23, 2025 at 11:05 PM

CH

A beautiful lady that will be dearly missed.

Connie Herman - December 23, 2025 at 11:07 PM

CH

“ Connie Herman lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Sue Kerley



Connie Herman - December 23, 2025 at 11:04 PM

CH

Many prayers for the family. She will be dearly missed. Love her so much.

Connie Herman - December 23, 2025 at 11:07 PM

BC

“ Sherri, Beth & family I am so sorry to hear about your mom. She was a very sweet special lady. Many memories when we were growing up. My prayers for peace and comfort during this holiday season. Barb Travelstead Clymore



Barb Travelstead Clymore - December 23, 2025 at 10:03 PM

MH

“ *Martha Henshaw-Crane lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Sue Kerley*



Martha Henshaw-Crane - December 23, 2025 at 08:49 AM

KB

“ *Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Sue Kerley*



Karen Brumley - December 22, 2025 at 12:58 PM

KB

RIP sweet friend.

Karen Brumley - December 22, 2025 at 12:58 PM

JF

“ *James & Varnell Cummins, and Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Carolyn Sue Kerley.*



James & Varnell Cummins, and Family - December 22, 2025 at 11:55 AM

JS

“ *John Slack lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Sue Kerley*



John Slack - December 21, 2025 at 11:30 PM



“ *Lori Taylor lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Sue Kerley*



Lori Taylor - December 21, 2025 at 11:16 PM

SL

“ *Carol and I worked together for several years. I considered her as a good friend. Prayers to the family!*



Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay - December 21, 2025 at 09:31 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Carolyn Sue Kerley.*



December 21, 2025 at 08:01 PM

TC

“ *My heartfelt condolences. My heart loved Carol as much as my own mom. Sending prayers, love and lots of hugs. She is deeply missed.*



Tammy Clemans - December 21, 2025 at 07:54 PM

JM

“ *Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Sue Kerley*



Jeannie McCall - December 21, 2025 at 07:34 PM

DP

“ *Debbie Poe lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Sue Kerley*



Debbie Poe - December 21, 2025 at 07:07 PM

BJ

“ *Becky Tharp Jones lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Sue Kerley*



Becky Tharp Jones - December 21, 2025 at 06:58 PM

SW

“ Sharon Werner purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carolyn Sue Kerley.



Sharon Werner - December 21, 2025 at 06:39 PM

SW

“ Sharon Werner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Sue Kerley.

Sharon Werner - December 21, 2025 at 06:39 PM

LT

“ Lowell And Susie Trovillion lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Sue Kerley



Lowell and Susie Trovillion - December 21, 2025 at 06:35 PM

EK

“ Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Sue Kerley



Elizabeth Kerley - December 21, 2025 at 06:19 PM

TF

“ Terry and Cari Rochford and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carolyn Sue Kerley.

Terry and Cari Rochford and family - December 21, 2025 at 05:48 PM

TF

“ Terry and Cari Rochford and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carolyn Sue Kerley.



Terry and Cari Rochford and family - December 21, 2025 at 05:48 PM

NB

“ Nancy Breeden lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Sue Kerley



Nancy Breeden - December 21, 2025 at 05:45 PM

MW

“ Thomas and I are So sorry to hear the passing of a family member



mary wright - December 21, 2025 at 05:44 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Sue Kerley



Dorothy Bacon - December 21, 2025 at 05:32 PM

BR

“ Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Sue Kerley



Bobby Rentfro - December 21, 2025 at 05:23 PM

BJ

“ Barbara Jeffress lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Sue Kerley



Barbara jeffress - December 21, 2025 at 05:20 PM

CT

“ Carla Tapley lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Sue Kerley



Carla Tapley - December 21, 2025 at 05:13 PM

DR

“ *Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Carolyn Sue Kerley*



Diane Rainbolt - December 21, 2025 at 04:54 PM

JH

So very sorry for your loss.

Jack and Jackie Harper - December 21, 2025 at 05:06 PM

JH

So very sorry for your loss.

Jack and Jackie Harper - December 21, 2025 at 05:07 PM