



Erma L. Palmer

October 10, 1930 - February 1, 2016

Erma L. Palmer, age 85, a resident of Vienna, passed away Monday morning, February 1, 2016, at 4:07 AM at Heartland Regional Medical Center in Marion.

Erma was born October 10, 1930 in Johnson County Illinois. She was the daughter of Clarence and Etta Mae (Claxton) Kerley.

On October 24, 1946, Erma was united in marriage to Rev. James L. Palmer at Simpson, Illinois. He preceded her in death on March 18, 1989.

Survivors include: her children – James Larry Palmer of Vienna and Anita Lynne Reynoso of Windsor, Colorado; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; 2 sisters – Eula Edith McManus of Peoria and Eva Aline Wheat of Copperas Cove, Texas; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Erma was preceded in death by: 2 daughters – Katherine Sue Palmer & Deborah Lou Murphy; 2 sons – Bobby Glenn Palmer & Philip Edward Palmer; 2 sisters – Arreta Mae Kerley & Norma J. Newton; and 6 brothers – William Russell Kerley, James Elvis Kerley, Earnest Kerley, Delbert Wayne Kerley, Paul L. Kerley, and Thomas Dale Kerley.

Erma was a homemaker. She enjoyed working crossword puzzles, making handcrafted crochet items, and reading. She particularly enjoyed reading romance novels. Erma was a dedicated fan of the country-western entertainer George Strait. When her health permitted, Erma enjoyed bowling and had been a league bowler.

Erma was a member of Southside Baptist Church in Peoria.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday afternoon, February 4, 2016, at 1 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Brother Jimmy Reynolds will officiate. Burial will be in the Gilead Cemetery near Simpson.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 11 AM – 1 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to Tri-State Christian Television (TCT), P.O. Box 1010, Marion, Illinois 62959.

Cemetery Details

Gilead Cemetery

4385 Gilead Church Road
Simpson, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

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Tribute Wall



“ *Erma L. Palmer*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Amanda B lit a candle in memory of Erma L. Palmer*



Amanda B - February 05, 2016 at 07:45 PM



“ *Aunt Erma, words pale in the feelings I have of you. in many ways you were like a second mom to me, many weekends I stayed over you house and many memories held close to my heart. My mind is saddened but my heart rejoices that you are with family and walking and singing praises to God the Father. Forever in the Love of Jesus. I will miss you here but will hold you close in my heart.*



deon newton - February 03, 2016 at 09:33 AM



“ *Larry and Beth Newton purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Erma L. Palmer.*



Larry and Beth Newton - February 03, 2016 at 09:19 AM

EV

“ *I will miss you so much, my dear sister. You left us too soon.*



Eva - February 02, 2016 at 11:09 AM

JF

“ *Joan Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Erma L. Palmer*



joan faulkner - February 02, 2016 at 10:22 AM

JF

“ *Aunt Lou will be missed by many. Prayers and thoughts to all the family with lots of love.*

Richard and Joan

joan faulkner - February 02, 2016 at 10:22 AM

KH

“ *Karla Hale lit a candle in memory of Erma L. Palmer*



Karla Hale - February 01, 2016 at 10:38 PM

CA

Our prayers are sent your way, Cathy Frank and Georgiana Kerley

Cathy - February 03, 2016 at 05:55 PM

BS

“ *Prayers go out to the family for the great lose of a very dear woman that knew her real father in heaven. From my wife Donna R. Stearns (adopted daughter) that she considered over the years of growing up wished we could be there for your celebration of a new life and her new form as another gaudion angel looking down on the rest of the family that is left behind in this life. From Bill & Donna Stearns & Billy, Diantha & Joe Thompson & Alan & Aviendha*

Bill & Donna Stearns - February 01, 2016 at 10:24 PM

JN

“ *Jennifer Neal lit a candle in memory of Erma L. Palmer*



Jennifer Neal - February 01, 2016 at 07:55 PM

HN

“ *Hannah Neal lit a candle in memory of Erma L. Palmer*



Hannah Neal - February 01, 2016 at 06:35 PM

NF

“ Neal Family lit a candle in memory of Erma L. Palmer



Neal Family - February 01, 2016 at 04:47 PM



“ Debbie Covey Kerley lit a candle in memory of Erma L. Palmer



Debbie Covey Kerley - February 01, 2016 at 02:32 PM

EK

“ Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Erma L. Palmer



Elizabeth Kerley - February 01, 2016 at 12:09 PM