



## Ethel Odum

November 29, 1941 - May 27, 2023

To join the livestream broadcast of Ethel's funeral service, please select the link below. The livestream will begin at 10:55 A.M. (CST) Wednesday, May 31st. The service will also be archived for later viewing.

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Ethel Odum, age 81 years, a resident of rural Tunnel Hill, Illinois, passed away Saturday morning, May 27, 2023, at 9:45 A.M. at The Anchor of Marion at The Voyages Senior Living.

Ethel was born November 29, 1941. She was the daughter of Willie J. "Bill" Choate and Lola (Parker) Choate.

On September 11, 1958, Ethel was united in marriage to Wayne Odum at Mt. Olive Church near Vienna. He preceded her in death on June 16, 2021.

Ethel is survived by: 2 sons – Rick Wayne (his wife, Susan) Odum of Vienna, Illinois and Chris Dawayne (his wife, Tina) Odum of Pittsburg, Illinois; 5 grandchildren – Charity (her husband, Kyle) Kohlberg, Ashley Odum, Jacob Odum, Jared (his wife, Sydney) Odum and Ben McGill; 5 great grandchildren – Kayden, Kylie, Kaylee, Aiden, and Arris; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Ethel was preceded in death by her parents – Willie J. “Bill” Choate and Lola Dunn; an infant daughter – Tamela Louise Odum; and her sisters – Rose, Martha Jane and Icy.

Ethel was a member of the Vienna High School class of 1959. She was employed for 25 years in the dietary department at the former Marion Memorial Hospital, prior to her retirement.

Ethel served for over 30 years as the manager of the Graves Cemetery. She held this position until her passing.

Ethel and Wayne attended Mt. Olive Church, until it's closing. They then worshipped at Cedar Grove Church, near Buncombe. Ethel enjoyed raising flowers, vegetable gardening, working in her yard, quilting and attending quilt shows. She also enjoyed cooking and spent many happy hours playing “Words With Friends” on her computer.

A service honoring the life of Ethel Odum will be conducted Wednesday morning, May 31, 2023, at 11 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Brandon Abernathy will officiate. Burial will be in the Graves Cemetery, north of Vienna.

Visitation will be held Tuesday evening, May 30, 2023, from 6 PM – 8 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois, 204 Halfway Road, Marion, Illinois 62959.

# Cemetery Details

## Graves Cemetery

Dutchman Lake Road  
Vienna, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 30.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 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

**MAY 31.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ethel Odum



Bailey Funeral Home - May 31, 2023 at 09:58 AM



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“ Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of Ethel Odum



Dennis and Pat Harner - May 31, 2023 at 05:47 PM



“ I remember us getting into trouble for picking on my sis Rick, Chris & I. We got dirt in her eyes out on the farm, imagine that, LOL. From dropping frogs out of the treehouse, chasing Aunt Ethel's chickens, egg & corn cob fights, fishing & riding back 5 on a mini bake.. Definitely childhood memories to last a life time.. All around Aunt Ethel & Uncle Wayne, they will be GREATLY Missed

Ladonna Moss - May 31, 2023 at 01:58 PM

SG

“ I always had a good time with Ethel. She was always talking about her grandkids. She loved them so much. I'm sorry for your loss. She's happy now.



Sondra Goins - May 31, 2023 at 12:37 AM

BT

“ I am so sorry for your loss, and the loss to this world. Aunt Ethel was always fun to visit and just to listen to her stories. My kids and I are going to miss her greatly! She was without a doubt our FAVORITE AUNT! We are all praying for you. Love Brad, Bradley, Jamie, Paul and Micho

Brad Taylor - May 30, 2023 at 10:57 PM

JD

“ Jennifer Schierbaum Downs lit a candle in memory of Ethel Odum



jennifer Schierbaum Downs - May 30, 2023 at 06:47 PM

TM

“ Tom and I want to share our condolences with the family. We are so sorry for your loss. Ethel was a very special lady. May God bless you all with His love, peace, and comfort.



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Tom and Carmen Murrie - May 30, 2023 at 12:54 PM

TL

“ She was a Terrific Favorite Aunt. Always fun & laughing. To hear we would be going for a visit was the Best news as a child. Grandma Icy (her sister) said "when I found out that mom was pregnant at the same time I was- I was so upset. Little did I know that Ethel would become my Best Friend". She was a true joy in grandma's life - a loving sister that was Exceptional !!! She will be missed. Our prayers go up - our tears are shared with yours. Love Teresa Lynn, Lynn Haven, FL (niece)

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Teresa L Lynn - May 30, 2023 at 12:49 PM

DH

“ A friend asked me to check in on Ethel since I lived close by and she didn't. The first time I met her I told her I had trouble remembering names. She looked at me and said "easiest way is to remember a song that says DON'T LOOK ETHEL!!! " She was an interesting lady. Didn't get to visit as much as I'd liked. She was a great lady. Prayers in your time of mourning. Diane Holt Dutchman Trail Subdivision friend.

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Diane Holt - May 29, 2023 at 11:32 PM

MM

“ Margaret Mathis lit a candle in memory of Ethel Odum



Margaret Mathis - May 29, 2023 at 06:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ethel Odum.



May 29, 2023 at 04:58 PM

TR

“ Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Ethel Odum



Teresa Richerson - May 29, 2023 at 07:46 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ethel Odum.



May 28, 2023 at 10:18 PM

DR

“ *Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Ethel Odum*



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**Diane Rainbolt** - May 28, 2023 at 02:23 PM

NK

“ *Nate & Tammy King lit a candle in memory of Ethel Odum*



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**Nate & Tammy King** - May 28, 2023 at 01:56 AM

JS

“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Ethel Odum*



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**John Slack** - May 27, 2023 at 05:34 PM

RS

“ *Robert Schierbaum lit a candle in memory of Ethel Odum*



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**Robert Schierbaum** - May 27, 2023 at 04:56 PM