



Katherine Cecil

August 24, 1921 - February 16, 2004

Katherine “Kay” Cecil, daughter of Macon Gardner & Eula (Hunt) Gardner, was born August 24, 1921 in Guss, KY. She departed this life Monday afternoon, February 16, 2004, at 2:37 PM at the Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah, KY.

At the time of her passing, Kay had attained the age of 82 years 5 months & 13 days.

Kay was united in marriage to James W. Cecil on January 8, 1955 in Flagstaff, Arizona. He survives.

Other survivors include: a Son – John Carlton Cecil, and his wife Evelyn, of Vienna, IL; 2 Daughters – Naomi Louise Capps of Vienna, IL & Kristina Shead, and her husband Tim, of Murray, KY; a Grandson – Jason Cecil, and his wife Amber, of Mayfield, KY; a Sister – Carmon Perry of Dunmor, KY; a Brother – James Gardner of Dunmor, KY; Nieces & Nephews.

In addition to her Parents, Kay was preceded in death by an infant Son, Recey Cecil.

Kay was a Registered Nurse. She received her nurse’s training at St. Anthony’s in Louisville, KY and completed her training in Cook County Illinois. Kay was a devoted member of the Vienna First Baptist Church, where she had taught the Senior Ladies Sunday School Class and was active in the Women’s Missionary Union. Kay was under appointment with the Foreign Mission (now International Mission) Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. She had served as a missionary to China for 12 years. Kay ministered along

with her husband, Dr. James W. Cecil, in his pastorates. She was dedicated to her faith and service to God and church.

Kay enjoyed quilting. She made & displayed an award-winning quilt at the 1985 Virginia State Fair. Kay also enjoyed collecting old cookbooks. She was a member of the Lewisburg, KY Eastern Star Chapter.

Kay leaves her family and many friends to cherish her memory.

A Celebration of the life of Kay Cecil will be conducted Wednesday evening, February 18, 2004, at 7 PM at the Vienna First Baptist Church. Dr. William Mason, Rev. Ken Bain, & Rev. Faris Sahawneh will officiate.

A Committal Service will be conducted at 10 AM Friday, February 20, 2004, at the Cecil Chapel Cemetery at Mena, Arkansas.

Friends may call from 4 PM – 7 PM Wednesday at the Vienna First Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to the Vienna First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 727, Vienna, IL 62995 or to the Baptist College of the Bible (Scholarship Fund) c/o Mid-Continent College, 99 Powell Road East, Mayfield, KY 42066.

Tribute Wall



“ Katherine Cecil

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ Dad has always been fond of speaking in Cantonese. I have a feeling that dad likely taught it, momma helped him to remember some of the words, and I have no doubt that she laughed quietly in delight. She always enjoyed my father's tasteful antics. Your thoughts are appreciated, of course, and blessings to you and yours. Kristina Shead Kristina Shead

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“ Cecil and family, I was sorry to hear of the loss of Kay. I spoke in your church in Vienna (maybe 10 or so years ago) and have fond memories of how either you or Kay had taught the children to perform the Doxology in Cantonese. We are no longer in Hong Kong, but serving in the regional office in Richmond, VA. Clay Clay Addison

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“ Daniel Kerley

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