



## Kay Emery

September 20, 1940 - December 25, 2023

Kay Harper Emery, age 83 years, a resident of Carterville, Illinois and a native of Johnson County, passed away Monday afternoon, December 25, 2023, at 4:01 P.M. at SIH – Herrin Hospital. At the time of her passing, Kay was surrounded by members of her loving family.

Kay, known to those closest to her as “Mimi,” was born September 20, 1940 at the family home near Tunnel Hill. She was the daughter of Loree Harper and Betty L. (Jobe) Harper.

On December 8, 1982, Kay was united in marriage to David Emery in Champaign, Illinois. He preceded her in death.

Kay is survived by: a son – Mark Trexler; 3 grandchildren – Misty (J.P.) Mowrer, Lorie Trexler, and Jonathan Trexler; 4 great grandchildren – Owen, Lilah, Lexi & Jack; a sister – Nancy (John) Andolsek; a niece – Shawn (Bryan) Johns; great nieces and a great nephew – Hannah, Allison & Tyler; cousins, including dear cousins, Danny Allbritten and Ann Weinstein; as well as other relatives and many friends.

Kay was a graduate of Alto Pass High School and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. She was first employed as a secretary by Martin Oil Company. Later, Kay accepted a secretarial position with the Illinois Central Railroad and

worked in the Carbondale and Champaign offices. Following her retirement from the railroad, Kay worked through a temporary agency and was employed in Champaign and Chicago.

Kay is remembered for her love of books and reading. Her true love language, however, was the joy she found in cooking and sharing her homemade creations with others.

Kay was also a devoted University of Kentucky Wildcats and Golden State Warriors fan.

She attended Grand Avenue Baptist Church in Carterville.

A celebration of Kay's life will be conducted in Spring 2024 at Cannon Memorial Park in Carterville. The date and time will be announced when that information is available.

Inurnment will be in the Reynoldsburg Cemetery, near Tunnel Hill.

Memorials may be made to the Reynoldsburg Cemetery, c/o Bob Harper, 30 Harpertown Lane, Tunnel Hill, IL 62972 or to Gum Drop Kids, 1005 Briarwood Road, Carterville, IL 62918

To share a memory of Kay or to leave an online message of condolence for her family, please visit [www.baileyfh.com](http://www.baileyfh.com)

Arrangements have been entrusted to Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

# Cemetery Details

## Reynoldsburg Cemetery

Reynoldsburg Road  
Tunnel Hill, IL

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

SG

“ Nancy I'm so sorry for your loss. I know it's hard to lose a sister. If you ever need to talk just call. Would love to see you.



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**Sondra Goins** - January 06, 2024 at 12:04 AM

LM

“ Mark Trexler, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. I know she was a good friend to my mother in recent years and they had coffee almost every day. Your family is in my thoughts. LaDonna Morris



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**LaDonna Morris** - December 31, 2023 at 07:16 PM

PS

“ Kay and I shared so many events in our lives! I will miss her so much! Sending prayers to all my cousins! She was a very special cousin to me! I love her so much!

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**Pat Jobe Stahl** - December 29, 2023 at 10:50 AM

SK

“ Dear Cousins-Danny, Nancy and Mark- here's part of a letter from Grammy Jobe to my mother, Jessie Jobe. Dated Feb. 4, 1941. "Jean Kay is just fine. They came over Sunday afternoon and ate dinner with us. Then went to Emma's. She did look so sweet with her new shoes, dress and little locket. She wants to sit up all the time. So much about the grand children." I'm guessing that means Kay or as Grammy called her, 'Jean Kay' would have been 5 months old when Grammy wrote this letter to my mother. Signed her letter- "Lots of love. Sib"

Sylvia Kerzich - December 29, 2023 at 09:09 AM

JW

“ Jane Ross Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Kay Emery



Jane Ross Wright - December 28, 2023 at 05:24 PM

JW

Nancy and family so sorry to hear this news. May God comfort you all at this sad time.  
Clearon and Jane (Ross) Wright

Jane Ross Wright - December 28, 2023 at 05:26 PM

LS

“ Condolences to the family, have fond memories of Kay.



Linda Simmons - December 28, 2023 at 12:05 PM

MM

“ We were friends when she lived in The Vienna area—she came to the library frequently. I took her books when she was sick back then -she would say “I need something to read I am reading the cereal boxes”! I have always missed her since she moved to Carterville.

Margaret Mathis - December 27, 2023 at 09:32 PM

MW

“ I just heard today that you have left this world and moved to heaven. You have been a beautiful light in my life for sooooo many years. From my very very young years you have always been there to light up my road. From lunch at the Alto Pass restaurant with Marc as an infant. Playing cards with friends and on the way home laughing as ugly Edgar and Uncle Johnny would be parked on a back road trying to catch you with a man while Uncle Jack was on the truck. We would laugh and laugh about that. You would pull up the hood of that truck, crank it and away we would go. We'd look behind us and on both sides of the road until we would see them backed up in a dirt road starting to follow us. They were trying to see who I was with all the masculine hats I wore to throw them off. You got me a job at Martin Oil later in life. We have always been connected, a treasure to me. I am so glad we talked last month about going to Alto for the Nov. 34th event. It was a great conversation full of love and laughter. I miss you.



Marilyn Draper Winn - December 27, 2023 at 08:09 PM

MM

“ So sorry to hear this. I remember her well from my time taking care of their sweet momma, Betty. Never will forget her. Such a sweet lady. Prayers of comfort for you.

Mary Jo Mason - December 27, 2023 at 07:16 PM

SR

“ 1 file added to the album Kay



Shordy & Bob Ramsey - December 27, 2023 at 04:24 PM

CB

Great Picture of these two! the Limo ride!

Carol Orange Bryant - January 03, 2024 at 10:31 PM

SR

“ Such a precious sweet lady that I was fortunate to know. Sympathy to Mark and her family.

Shordy & Bob Ramsey - December 27, 2023 at 03:55 PM

JM

“ Dear cousin, It was a joy talking to you. We sometimes talked for an hour on the phone. We laught alot and even cried when we talked about our parents. We talked more about life yeas ago at Harpertown than problems in the world today. I will miss you but never forget our talks. Rest in Peace. Linda McNeely

Jim and Linda McNeely - December 27, 2023 at 03:41 PM

PS

“ Pat Salsbury lit a candle in memory of Kay Emery



Pat Salsbury - December 27, 2023 at 08:25 AM

CH

“ *Charlene And Dallas Harner sent a virtual gift in memory of Kay Emery*



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**Charlene and Dallas Harner** - December 27, 2023 at 08:09 AM

CB

“ *My Heart felt sympathy sent to her family. I meet Granny Kay when she dates my Uncle Bill Orange.my Daughter Amanda was her NP she was the kindest most sincere loving person. Rest in peace sweetheart*

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**Carol Orange Bryant** - December 27, 2023 at 06:56 AM

MC

“ *Kay was a dear person. "Cousin" Kay will be missed.*

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**Martha Childers** - December 26, 2023 at 08:56 PM

JP

“ *Our love and sympathy to Mark, Nancy, Danny and families, Kay was a nice lady both inside and out, she will be missed.May God comfort you in the days ahead. Sincerely, Jerry, Judy and Jay Phelps.*



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**J Phelps** - December 26, 2023 at 08:53 PM

VH

“ Virginia Harner lit a candle in memory of Kay Emery



Virginia Harner - December 26, 2023 at 08:03 PM

KB

“ Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Kay Emery



Karen Brumley - December 26, 2023 at 06:36 PM

TK

“ Tammy King lit a candle in memory of Kay Emery



Tammy King - December 26, 2023 at 06:19 PM

LM

“ Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Kay Emery



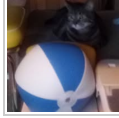
Larry and Carolyn McGill - December 26, 2023 at 05:56 PM

LM

*school mate with brother jerry and me at alto pass*

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**Larry and Carolyn McGill** - December 26, 2023 at 05:57 PM



*Kay was my neighbor when she lived in Vienna IL. I can remember, she said " I like your cat statue. I said, I don't have a cat statue. That 's my cat " Tophat sitting looking outside watching everyone . Well, Kay went to the window ,& my cat. Tophat moved one of her paws. Kay knew Tophat was a live, not a cat statue. Then Kay would wave at tophat Everytime she would pass by the window. Joy Higgins.*

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**Joy Higgins** - January 08, 2024 at 09:52 AM