



Leda Jane Kerley

June 20, 1937 - January 28, 2025

To join the livestream broadcast of Leda Jane Kerley's funeral service, please select the link below. The broadcast of the service will begin at 1:55 P.M. Sunday, February 2, 2025. The service will be archived for 90 days from the date of the funeral for later viewing.

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Leda Jane (Bullock) Kerley, age 87 years, a resident of rural Simpson (the Flatwoods community), passed away peacefully Tuesday afternoon, January 28, 2025, at 4:33 P.M. at her home.

Leda Jane was born June 20, 1937 in the Flatwoods Community. She was the daughter of Benjamin H. "Ben" and Martha Isabell "Belle" (Grant) Bullock.

On April 30, 1955, Leda Jane was united in marriage to James A. Kerley, Jr in Union County, Illinois. He preceded her in death on October 18, 2006.

Leda Jane is survived by: her children – Betty (Wayne) Mersinger of Loogootee, Indiana, Susan (Jerry) Botarf of Simpson, Illinois, Michael (Jen) Kerley of Grantsburg, Illinois; 8 Grandchildren – Jenny (Jason) Brown, Jonathan (Caron) Botarf, Steven Mersinger, Lauren (Troy) Hawkins, Jeffrey (Naomi) Mersinger, Vanessa Botarf, Avery Kerley and Kassia Kerley; 15

Great-Grandchildren – Jocelyn Brown, Jonathan Brown, Jameson Brown, Benjamin Hawkins, Emma Hawkins, Clara Hawkins, Evelyn Mersinger, Harrison Mersinger, Ashlyn Botarf, Ryan Botarf, Hayden Botarf, Kyler Maxfield, Kendall Maxfield, Teegan Nelson and Arya Nelson; and a great-great-granddaughter: Alysson Botarf; her dear “Kerley Family In-Laws” – Dorothy Jones, Jeannie (Bob) McCall, Kenneth (Cheryl) Kerley, Anita (Roger) Ditterline and Pattie Kerley; as well as several special nieces and nephews, cousins, other relatives, her beloved church family and many friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Leda Jane was preceded in death by: 4 sisters – Pauline Gann, Marie Taylor, Ruby Bryant and Emily Selph; 5 brothers – Harlen, Orval, and Otis Bullock, Donnie Bullock (who passed in early childhood) and an infant brother.

Leda Jane was a 1955 graduate of Vienna High School.

Leda Jane was an integral member of the County Line Baptist Church in the Flatwoods Community. She taught Sunday school classes, enjoyed helping with Bible School activities, sang beautifully in the County Line Trio, played the piano and served as a church custodian. Throughout the years, she also served as a delegate to the Union Baptist Association meetings.

Throughout her life, Leda Jane held various roles, demonstrating her dedication and strong work ethic. In addition to being a homemaker and assisting her husband on their family farm, she was employed as a secretary at New Simpson Hill School, served as an election judge, and provided childcare to a number of local families. During her years as a caregiver, she developed a special bond with the Bean family, whom she cherished deeply.

In her free time, Leda Jane found joy in gardening, birdwatching, crocheting, and embroidery. She had a deep appreciation for nature and loved spending

time outdoors, especially tending to her flowers.

A Service honoring the life of Leda Jane Kerley will be conducted Sunday, February 2, 2025 at 2 P.M. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Burial will be in the Kerley Cemetery in the Flatwoods Community.

Visitation will be held Saturday, February 1, 2025 from 4 P.M. – 7 P.M. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. There will also be a time of visitation from 1 P.M. until the funeral hour Sunday, February 2, 2025 at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to County Line Baptist Church or Kerley Cemetery Fund. Donations for either may be made to c/o Donnie Morris, 146 Bull Pen Road, Simpson, Illinois 62985.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna, Illinois.

Cemetery Details

Kerley Cemetery

Kerley Lane
Simpson, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Visitation

FEB 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Service

FEB 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Leda Jane Kerley*



Bailey Funeral Home - February 03, 2025 at 09:07 AM

BH

“ *Benjamin Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Leda Jane Kerley*



Benjamin Hawkins - June 18, 2025 at 01:00 PM

DB

“ *Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of Leda Jane Kerley*



Dorothy Bacon - February 10, 2025 at 10:25 AM

BB

“ *Bill&Nancy Belford lit a candle in memory of Leda Jane Kerley*



Bill&Nancy Belford - February 01, 2025 at 11:41 PM

CM

“ *Just a long lost relative that I never got to meet ...googled her name hoping to reach out and found her obituary instead. (3 Days too late!!) Hope she lived a happy and full life and now she's sharing memories up in Heaven with my Mom & Grandparents. They might've known each other.*



Christa Mendoza - February 01, 2025 at 02:33 PM

 Vickie
Lynn
Johnson

“ *I didn't know Leda Jane very well but my husband Lindell Johnson talked about her so much that I felt like I did. I'm sure he will be there at those Pearly Gates to give*

Vickie Lynn Johnson - January 30, 2025 at 09:55 PM

 Vickie
Lynn

Her a hug. Hugs and Prayers to all.

Vickie Lynn Johnson - January 30, 2025 at 09:56 PM

LD

“ *Larry D. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Leda Jane Kerley.*



Larry D. - January 30, 2025 at 07:54 PM

JT

“ *J.C. & Tammy Thomas lit a candle in memory of Leda Jane Kerley*



J.C. & Tammy Thomas - January 30, 2025 at 09:47 AM

TR

“ *Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Leda Jane Kerley*



Teresa Richerson - January 30, 2025 at 08:07 AM

GS

“ *Garyn Case Suttner lit a candle in memory of Leda Jane Kerley*



Garyn Case Suttner - January 29, 2025 at 11:58 PM

LT

“ Lowell And Susie Trovillion lit a candle in memory of Leda Jane Kerley



Lowell and Susie Trovillion - January 29, 2025 at 07:40 PM

BJ

“ Barbara Jeffress lit a candle in memory of Leda Jane Kerley



Barbara Jeffress - January 29, 2025 at 06:57 PM

LB

“ Laura Botarf lit a candle in memory of Leda Jane Kerley



Laura Botarf - January 29, 2025 at 06:36 PM

SB

“ Steve & Laura Botarf lit a candle in memory of Leda Jane Kerley



Steve & Laura Botarf - January 29, 2025 at 06:33 PM

HB

“ Henry And Frances Bullock lit a candle in memory of Leda Jane Kerley



Henry and Frances Bullock - January 29, 2025 at 04:31 PM

CT

“ Carla Jo Tapley lit a candle in memory of Leda Jane Kerley



Carla Jo Tapley - January 29, 2025 at 03:36 PM

MM

“ Margaret Mathis lit a candle in memory of Leda Jane Kerley



Margaret Mathis - January 29, 2025 at 03:35 PM

CG

“ Aunt Leda was a caring woman had a big heart loved her family an Jesus I remember mom n me going visit her n Uncle James all the time they made u feel at home now she is with Uncle James she will always have a place in my heart I know they got a beautiful angel she is rejoicing in heaven love Cookie



Carla Christine Grant - January 29, 2025 at 02:09 PM

JS

“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Leda Jane Kerley*



John Slack - January 29, 2025 at 12:06 PM

JS

Leda Jane was one of the nicest ladies I ever knew. She will be greatly missed. Prayers of comfort for all members of her family.

John Slack - January 29, 2025 at 12:08 PM

EK

“ *Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Leda Jane Kerley*



Elizabeth Kerley - January 29, 2025 at 11:23 AM

KD

So sorry to hear this! So many wonderful memories of spending time with Betty and Susan. Leda Jane was always so sweet and kind. Heaven gained an angel. Prayers for all.

kathy and Rodger Davis - January 29, 2025 at 05:27 PM