



## Lillian Kerley

May 16, 1926 - November 19, 2020

Lillian V. Kerley, age 94 years, a resident of Vienna, Illinois, passed away Thursday afternoon, November 19, 2020, at 4:42 PM at Hillview Health Care Center in Vienna.

Lillian was born May 16, 1926 in Pope County Illinois. She was the daughter of Dixon Scott and Ressie (Dunning) Scott.

On June 29, 1945, Lillian was united in marriage to Rillis L. Kerley in Vienna. Together they have shared over 75 years of marriage.

In addition to her husband, Lillian is survived by: 2 daughters – Velma (John) Waters of Vienna and Verna Rushing of Metropolis; 5 grandchildren – Chandra (her fiancé Eric Prather) Rushing of Eldorado, Chelli Rushing of Metropolis, Steve (Kelli) Waters, Mike (Branon) Waters, and Sara (Ryan) O’Neal all of Vienna; great grandchildren – Christian Stanley, Chaitlyn (Johnny) Foos, Ian Hardison, J.T. Waters, Andy Waters, Grady Waters, Griffin Waters, Matt O’Neal and Eli O’Neal; a great-great grandson – Vincent Hardison; a brother-in-law – Roy (Ann) Kerley of Simpson, 3 sisters-in-law – Letha Breeden, Wilma Murphy, and Carolyn Kerley all of Vienna; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

In addition to her parents, Lillian was preceded in death by; a son-in-law –

Dan Rushing, a sister – Mary Rhymer, brothers-in-law – Donald Rhymer, Otis (Betty) Kerley, Donald Kerley, Gary Dale Murphy, and Wayne Breeden; and sisters-in-law – Frances (Bass) Kerley and Faye Kerley.

Lillian had been employed as a clerk at the former Weeks' General Store at Bay City. She had also worked as a cook at McKee School, and a clerk at Taylor's, later Morris', Standard Oil Station in Simpson. Lillian had also worked for a time as an aide at Hillview Health Care Center and a clerk at Miles' Grocery in the Southern Garden shopping center in Vienna. Above all, however, Lillian was a devoted homemaker. She enjoyed making handcrafted embroidery as well as creating beautiful quilts. She and Rillis gardened and they shared from their abundant produce and Lillian canned vegetables for their own use. She also performed many other tasks when they lived on the farm, even helping milk the cows. Occasionally, when time permitted, Lillian enjoyed fishing.

Lillian was of the Baptist faith.

The family would like to thank the staff of Hillview Health Care Center for the tender care and kindness which was shown to Lillian during her residency and especially in these last days. A special thanks to Knikki Keeling for going "above and beyond" in her care of Lillian.

A graveside service will be conducted Monday afternoon, November 23, 2020, at 1 PM at Rock Springs Cemetary, 25 Rock Springs Lane, Simpson, Illinois 62985. Pastor David Faulkner will officiate. Interment will follow.

There will be no public visitation. Those attending the service are invited to gather at the cemetery at 12:45 PM.

Please be advised that customarily accepted social distancing guidelines are

to be observed. The wearing of a face mask or covering is strongly encouraged.

Memorials may be made to Rock Springs Cemetery Fund, c/o Roy Kerley, 8335 State Route 147, Simpson, IL 62985 or to the Independence Cemetery Fund, c/o John Okerson, 330 State Route 147, Vienna, IL 62995.

# Cemetery Details

## Rock Springs Cemetery

Simpson, IL 62985

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV **23**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Rock Springs Cemetery  
Simpson, IL 62985

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lillian Kerley*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Debbie Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Lillian Kerley*



**Debbie Faulkner** - November 23, 2020 at 04:21 PM



“ *Very sorry for your loss.*

**Larry and Dianna Choate** - November 23, 2020 at 09:28 AM



“ *Very sorry for your loss.*

**Larry and Dianna Choaye** - November 23, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ *Sondra Goins lit a candle in memory of Lillian Kerley*



**Sondra Goins** - November 21, 2020 at 07:37 PM

HV

“ *Harold & Georgia Vinson lit a candle in memory of Lillian Kerley*



Harold & Georgia Vinson - November 21, 2020 at 03:10 PM

JT

“ *Janis Tapley lit a candle in memory of Lillian Kerley*



Janis Tapley - November 21, 2020 at 12:33 AM

RK

“ *Roy,Ann Kerley sent a virtual gift in memory of Lillian Kerley*



Roy,Ann Kerley - November 21, 2020 at 12:01 AM

DB

“ *Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of Lillian Kerley*



Dorothy Bacon - November 20, 2020 at 07:05 PM

JS

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



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**John Slack** - November 20, 2020 at 04:40 PM

SL

“ *Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay lit a candle in memory of Lillian Kerley*



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**Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay** - November 20, 2020 at 04:12 PM



“ *Janice Shoemaker lit a candle in memory of Lillian Kerley*



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**Janice Shoemaker** - November 20, 2020 at 02:02 PM

PS

“Buddy and Lillian were neighbors for 50 years. She always had her big garden and canning jars filled by end of season. She wasn't satisfied if she wasn't cooking a favorite meal for her families special occasions. Her family was her life. Many fond memories, too many to mention (some with humor and some sincere) are to be cherished. From my heart, condolences to the entire family.  
Peggy Jean Smoot



Peggy Smoot - November 20, 2020 at 12:03 PM

TM

“Tom And Carmen Murrie lit a candle in memory of Lillian Kerley



Tom and Carmen Murrie - November 20, 2020 at 09:53 AM

TM

So sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful lady and friend. Our prayers for all the family.

Tom and Carmen Murrie - November 20, 2020 at 09:55 AM

TR

“Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Lillian Kerley



Teresa Richerson - November 20, 2020 at 09:51 AM

AB

“ Anita L Bullock lit a candle in memory of Lillian Kerley



Anita L Bullock - November 20, 2020 at 09:21 AM

WB

“ I use to stay all night with the girls when we were kids, i loved her cooking she was a special lady prayers for her family



wm and Nancy Simmons Belford - November 20, 2020 at 08:34 AM

RD

“ Many wonderful memories of My Cousins Grandmother.Lillian was a beautiful lady inside and out 🙏



Ronda & Jamie Duckworth - November 19, 2020 at 09:39 PM

KB

“ Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Lillian Kerley



Karen Brumley - November 19, 2020 at 09:25 PM

KB

“ Spent many happy times with Lillian and the rest of her family. My sympathy to the entire family.

Karen Brumley - November 19, 2020 at 09:25 PM

BE

“ Loved going to Aunt Lillian & Uncle Buddy's house on Halloween every year while we were growing up!! The homemade pumpkin bread with the cream cheese filling that she made into little sandwiches were the absolute best!!!!

Beth Elliott - November 19, 2020 at 09:07 PM



“ Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of Lillian Kerley



Jeannie McCall - November 19, 2020 at 08:52 PM

CT

“ Carla Tapley lit a candle in memory of Lillian Kerley



Carla Tapley - November 19, 2020 at 08:16 PM