



Louise Carter

July 5, 1931 - November 3, 2019

Louise “Bee” Carter, age 88 years, a resident of West Frankfort and a former resident of Goreville, went to be with her Lord on Sunday evening, November 3, 2019 at her home.

Louise was born July 5, 1931 in Elmo, Missouri. She was the 2nd of 5 children born to Ogle Samuel Billingsley and Ola Mae (Ragain) Billingsley.

Louise was united in marriage to Wayne L. Smelcer on October 10, 1951 in Baltimore, Maryland. He preceded her in death. She later was united in marriage to James L. “Red” Carter on November 27, 1985 in Paducah, Kentucky. He also preceded her in death.

Louise is survived by: her son- Ronald Lee (Alicia) Smelcer of West Frankfort; 2 daughters- Diann (Keith) Browning and Joan (Benny) Browning both of West Frankfort; 9 grandchildren- Ronald W. (Margaret) Smelcer, Kendall (Kelsey) Browning, Sara (Aaron) Ridlen, Jessica (Shawn) Hughes, Brad (Chelsey) Browning, Brenda Browning, Allen Sharp, Vickie Sharp and Michelle Surratt; 18 great grandchildren; her brother- Lewis Dale (Christine) Billingsley of the Spillertown community; several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to her parents and husbands, Louise was preceded in death by-2

grandsons- Michael Cease and William Earl Cease; an infant brother and 2 sisters- Ola Mae Krueger and Lucille Maze.

Louise graduated from Prairie du Rocher High School. She enjoyed reading Christian fiction and flower gardening.

She attended the Logan Church of God in Logan, Illinois.

A service honoring the life of Louise Carter will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 1PM at the Busby Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, 7715 Illinois Route 37 Goreville, Illinois. Rev. Rick Fowler will officiate.

Burial will be in the Busby Chapel Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 11AM-1PM at the Busby Chapel Freewill Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to the Busby Chapel Cemetery c/o Jim Dunn, 375 Dunn Lane, Goreville, IL 62939.

Cemetery Details

Busby Chapel Cemetery

IL Route 37 South
Goreville, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Busby Chapel Freewill Baptist Church
7715 State Route 37 North
Goreville, IL

Service

NOV 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

Busby Chapel Freewill Baptist Church
7715 State Route 37 North
Goreville, IL

Tribute Wall



“ Louise Carter

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the family . She was a remarkable lady and I loved her dearly. I will truly miss our visits and long phone calls . Joe and Diana

Diana Todd - November 14, 2019 at 01:04 AM



“ I loved visiting Aunt Louise's house and playing in that huge basement. She was such a sweet lady. I have many childhood memories of her. Prayers of comfort for the family.

Beatrice Rixie (Thomas) - November 06, 2019 at 06:06 PM