



Margaret Graves

August 1, 1934 - November 4, 2025

Margaret Graves, age 91 years, a resident of rural Vienna, Illinois, passed away Tuesday afternoon, November 4, 2025, at 5:25 P.M. at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky.

Margaret was born August 1, 1934 in Belknap, Illinois. She was the daughter of Lloyd and Blanche (Avery) Gillespie.

On January 27, 1953, Margaret was united in marriage to Paul Graves by Pastor Richardson at the Vienna First Baptist Church parsonage. He preceded her in death on August 9, 2014.

Margaret is survived by: her children – Susan (Ted) Conner of Simpson, Sheila (Tom) Snider of Cypress, Steve (Alesia Stein) Graves of Vienna, Donnie (Linda) Graves of Simpson, Scott Graves of Vienna, and Jamie (Melissa) Graves of Vienna; 14 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren; a sister – Theresa Gray of Vienna; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Margaret was preceded in death by an infant sister – Blanche Ruth Gillespie; 2 sisters – Lena Bean and Mary McBride; and 2 brothers – Charles Gillespie and John Gillespie.

Margaret was a graduate of the Ballowe Grade School. She was employed for many years as a waitress at Ned's Shed in Vienna. She also worked as a clerk at the former C.L. McCormick's Little Big Dollar Store in Vienna. For a number of years, Margaret and Paul served as foster parents and provided a nurturing and caring home environment for many children and youth. Margaret was a devoted homemaker. She enjoyed flower gardening and raising vegetables. Margaret also enjoyed watching the many hummingbirds that visited her feeders. She is fondly remembered as a wonderful cook. Among her favorites were homemade bread, ham and dumplings, and doughnuts. The family annually hosted a doughnut party and enjoyed many homemade treats as well as the companionship of family and friends. Margaret and Paul enjoyed camping and served as camp hosts for several seasons at the Hillman Ferry Campground near Grand Rivers, Kentucky. Margaret also loved reading.

Paul and Margaret worshipped at the First Baptist Church in Vienna. They also labored together in the church food pantry program. Margaret taught for many years in the children's Sunday School Department.

A graveside service honoring the life of Margaret Graves will be conducted Saturday afternoon, November 8, 2025, at 2:30 P.M. at the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery. Brother Ken Wilson, assisted by Margaret's nephew, Brother David Gillespie, will officiate.

Interment will follow.

There will be no public visitation. Those attending the graveside service are invited to gather at the cemetery at 2:15 P.M. Saturday afternoon.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church (Food Pantry Ministry), P.O. Box 727, Vienna, Illinois 62995.

Cemetery Details

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 8. 2:30 PM (CT)

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery
N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Tribute Wall

RJ

“ Randy And Patty Jackson lit a candle in memory of Margaret Graves



Randy and Patty Jackson - November 13, 2025 at 08:10 PM

CM

“ Carolyn M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Graves.

Carolyn M. - November 08, 2025 at 11:14 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Harris lit a candle in memory of Margaret Graves



Cheryl Harris - November 08, 2025 at 08:33 PM

RM

“ To the Graves family, we're sorry for the passing of your mother,our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Earl and Ruby Moore and family.

Roby Moore - November 07, 2025 at 05:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margaret Graves.*



November 07, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ *Dianna and I are saddened by this sad news. Dianna worked with Margaret at Vienna Grade School for many years. She thought very highly of her. May the Lord comfort you during this difficult time.*

Larry Choate - November 07, 2025 at 07:16 AM



“ *Susan, Very sorry to hear about your mother's passing. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.*
Joy Bundren

Joy Bundren - November 07, 2025 at 04:47 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers for the family.*



Wayne and Kathy Jennings - November 06, 2025 at 04:06 PM



“ *Rest in peace Aunt Margaret.*

Much love,

Carolyn Gillespie-Miller



Carolyn Miller - November 06, 2025 at 03:36 PM



“ *Jerry Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Margaret Graves*



Jerry Hawkins - November 06, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ *Lowell And Susie Trovillion lit a candle in memory of Margaret Graves*



Lowell and Susie Trovillion - November 06, 2025 at 12:14 PM



“ *Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Margaret Graves*



Teresa Richerson - November 06, 2025 at 08:00 AM

MM

“ Margaret Mathis lit a candle in memory of Margaret Graves



Margaret Mathis - November 05, 2025 at 10:05 PM

LG

“ Lora Goddard lit a candle in memory of Margaret Graves



Lora Goddard - November 05, 2025 at 09:45 PM

DH

“ Dallas and Charlene Harner



Dallas and Charlene Harner - November 05, 2025 at 07:54 PM

KB

“ Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Margaret Graves



Karen Brumley - November 05, 2025 at 07:11 PM

DF

“ *Debbie Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Margaret Graves*



Debbie Faulkner - November 05, 2025 at 06:22 PM

JH

“ *Justin & Tricia Hartline lit a candle in memory of Margaret Graves*



Justin & Tricia Hartline - November 05, 2025 at 06:10 PM

RA

“ *Robert And Brenda Ames lit a candle in memory of Margaret Graves*



Robert and Brenda Ames - November 05, 2025 at 05:44 PM

LM

“ *Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Margaret Graves*



Larry and Carolyn McGill - November 05, 2025 at 05:24 PM

DI

“ *A truely great woman. Sending prayers to the family* ”



Diana - November 05, 2025 at 03:05 PM

BJ

“ *BARBARA JEFFRESS lit a candle in memory of Margaret Graves* ”



BARBARA JEFFRESS - November 05, 2025 at 01:39 PM

LK

“ *Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Margaret Graves* ”



Linda Koehler - November 05, 2025 at 01:15 PM

JS

“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Margaret Graves* ”



John Slack - November 05, 2025 at 12:53 PM

DA

So very sorry Susan and Sheila for the loss of your mother. Love and prayers Donna (Mescher): Austin

Donna Mescher Austin - November 09, 2025 at 09:10 PM