



Maxine Ellet

January 25, 1939 - December 25, 2024

Maxine Fay Ellet, age 85 years, a resident of Vienna, Illinois, passed away Wednesday evening, December 25, 2024, at 10:15 P.M. in her residence at the Autumn Ridge Supportive Living.

Maxine was born January 25, 1939 in Murphysboro, Illinois. She was the daughter of Howard Murl "Mike" Reiman and Sarah Pauline (Young) Reiman.

On November 25, 1961, Maxine was united in marriage to Jerry L. Ellet in Murphysboro, Illinois. He preceded her in death on November 25, 2017.

Maxine is survived by: her children – Wesley (Jill) Ellet of Creal Springs, Illinois, Joanna (Mark) Odum of Hanson, Kentucky, and Lisa (Kevin) Fisk of Cordova, Tennessee; 5 grandchildren – Matt (Liz) Ellet of Simpson, Illinois, James (Jenna) Ellet of Marion, Illinois, Aimee (Alex Mansir) Odum of Salt Lake City, Utah, Aaron (Gabrielle) Odum of Madisonville, Kentucky, and Ella Fisk, of Cordova, Tennessee; 7 great grandchildren – Gavin Scott Lewis, Tamera Ellen Ellet, Renley Rae Odum, River Anne Ellet, Ellie James Odum, Kerrigan Jo Ellet, and Piper Jillian Ellet; 3 sisters - Margie Ann Roman of Blacklick, Ohio, Mary Jane Huseman of Campbell Hill, Illinois, and Marilyn Jean Stegmann of Steeleville, Illinois; nieces, nephews, other relatives, her extended family and many dear friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Maxine was preceded in death by: an infant granddaughter – Briana Lee Odum; and 2 brothers – Fredrick Thomas Reiman and Claude Earnest Reiman.

Maxine was a 1957 graduate of Murphysboro High School. During the time that the family resided in Steger, Illinois, Maxine served as a teacher's aide in the local elementary school. The family returned to Southern Illinois in 1980. Jerry and Maxine built their home north of Vienna. She was a homemaker and had served as a Mary Kay beauty consultant for 28 years.

Maxine was very involved in the community. She had been a longtime active member of the Johnson County Homemaker's Extension and had served as secretary/treasurer of the Ozark unit. She was also a longtime Red Cross blood drive volunteer.

Maxine was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Vienna. She had served as the secretary/treasurer for the flower fund for her Sunday School class. Maxine was also a member of the church's Women on Mission (W.O.M.) and sang in the sanctuary choir. She spent many hours reading and studying her Bible. Maxine also enjoyed participating in church visitation and outreach. She and Edwina Arington, among others, visited with many elderly and homebound members and brought them hope and encouragement.

In her spare time, Maxine enjoyed a number of pastimes and hobbies, including sewing, quilting, baking and upholstery. Maxine, along with her husband Jerry, had enjoyed traveling.

Visitation will be conducted Monday, December 30, 2024, from 10 A.M. until the service time at 12 Noon at First Baptist Church, 301 N. 7th St., Vienna, Illinois.

A service honoring the life of Maxine Ellet will be held Monday afternoon, December 30, 2024, at 12 Noon at First Baptist Church. Pastor Brian Lingle will officiate. For those unable to personally attend the funeral service, the ceremony will be livestreamed via the First Baptist Church – Vienna Facebook page.

Following the service, all family members and friends are invited to gather in the church fellowship hall for a luncheon.

Following the meal, those wishing to attend the committal are invited to join with the family in procession to Walker Hill Cemetery at Grand Tower, Illinois. A graveside committal service will be conducted at 3 P.M. Monday afternoon, December 30, 2024.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois, 204 Halfway Road, Marion, Illinois 62959 or to the First Baptist Church (Building Fund or Food Pantry Fund), P.O. Box 727, Vienna, Illinois 62995.

Cemetery Details

Walker Hill Cemetery

Walker Hill Road
Grand Tower, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
301 N. 7th Street
Vienna, IL 62995

Service

DEC 30. 12:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
301 N. 7th Street
Vienna, IL 62995

Luncheon

DEC 30. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
301 N. 7th Street
Vienna, IL 62995

Graveside Service

DEC **30**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Walker Hill Cemetery

Walker Hill Road

Grand Tower, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Maxine Ellet*



Bailey Funeral Home - December 31, 2024 at 10:57 AM



“ *February 20, 1992, was a lucky day--for Me, for Mary Kay, Inc., for her customers. That is the day Maxine Ellet became a Mary Kay Consultant, with the help of her daughter, Lisa. Maxine was Queen of Sales of our Mary Kay Unit for 15 years in a row. She loved sharing Mary Kay products. I am so blessed to have known Maxine and been her Friend, Recruiter and Director in Mary Kay. Kay Deffley*

Kay Deffley - January 02, 2025 at 12:59 PM



“ *Frederick And Betty Heaton lit a candle in memory of Maxine Ellet*



Frederick and Betty Heaton - December 29, 2024 at 08:51 PM



“ Praying for the family at this time of sorrow..
So sorry for your loss. The last conversation I
had with her, she told me that GOD will take
care of her.



*In the years I've known Maxine, I've always admired her. She
always had a smile and kind word to share. Her smile and positive
attitude will be missed.*

Maria and Ivan Vaughn

Maria Vaughn - December 29, 2024 at 09:50 AM

FF

“ From Margie Roman and Family purchased the F
lorist Choice Bouquet for the family of Maxine
Ellet.



From Margie Roman and Family - December 29, 2024 at 08:01
AM

DC

“ Dennis And Kathy Craig lit a candle in
memory of Maxine Ellet



Dennis and Kathy Craig - December 27, 2024 at 07:12 PM

FB

“ *Frances And Henry Bullock lit a candle in memory of Maxine Ellet*



Frances and Henry Bullock - December 27, 2024 at 06:46 PM

TF

“ *The Exo family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Maxine Ellet.*



The Exo family - December 27, 2024 at 02:32 PM

JJ

“ *I purchased the land 7 miles north of Vienna on US 45 from Maxine and Jerry and built a log home.*

I was very pleased that we were able to purchase it (with my late wife, (Elaine (Boner) Jackson) after several attempts at purchasing land near where we was raised. Just so happened it was almost centrally located between my birth home and home from 9 to 18 years .

Coincidence? I believe that God was involved and a blessing!

May the family recognize that Maxine has reached her reward and is with Jesus!

Jerry K Jackson

Jerry Jackson - December 27, 2024 at 07:34 AM

PR

“ I've known Maxine for the past 3 years or so as she was a regular member of our water aerobics class. She was such a sweet lady, always having a kind word or a prayer when things were tough. She will be greatly missed by all of us. Rest in peace Maxine

Peter S. Richardson - December 27, 2024 at 12:49 AM

LS

“ Maxine will be greatly missed, such a sweet woman and neighbor. I used to babysit for Maxine and Jerry. Although many years ago, I remember her well. Prayers for her family❤️

Lynn Paplomatas Saratore - December 26, 2024 at 07:41 PM

KP

“ Wes, it's been a long time, but the memories I have are of a lovely caring woman.... ❤️💔❤️💔

Karen Paplomatas - December 26, 2024 at 06:09 PM

AW

“ Aleatha Wright lit a candle in memory of Maxine Ellet



Aleatha Wright - December 26, 2024 at 05:48 PM

BS

“ Our sympathies on Maxine’s passing. She was a kind and loving lady. Prayers to the family ❤️
Love from, Billy and Pam Floyd, Karen Swarens



Billy and Pam Floyd and Karen Swarens - December 26, 2024 at 04:32 PM

JS

“ John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Maxine Ellet



John Slack - December 26, 2024 at 03:19 PM

JS

Mrs. Ellet was a beautiful, elegant lady. She will be greatly missed. Sending love and prayers to her family and loved ones.

John Slack - December 26, 2024 at 03:22 PM

GS

“ My deepest sympathy to the Ellet family.



Garyn Case Suttner - December 26, 2024 at 02:17 PM

BR

“ *Bill And Debbie Rigsby lit a candle in memory of Maxine Ellet*



Bill and Debbie Rigsby - December 26, 2024 at 02:01 PM

LK

“ *Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Maxine Ellet*



Linda Koehler - December 26, 2024 at 01:44 PM

KC

“ *So sorry. Sure am going to miss her.*



Kim and Bob Collins - December 26, 2024 at 01:36 PM

CR

“ *Christi Robinson lit a candle in memory of Maxine Ellet*



Christi Robinson - December 26, 2024 at 12:51 PM

MM

“ Margaret Mathis lit a candle in memory of Maxine Ellet



Margaret Mathis - December 26, 2024 at 11:35 AM

KH

“ Wes, Jill and Family,
I am so sorry to see you've lost Maxine. She was such a sweet lady.
Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏 Karla Hale

Karla Hale - December 26, 2024 at 11:13 AM

KB

“ Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Maxine Ellet



Karen Brumley - December 26, 2024 at 11:13 AM

KB

THERE WILL BE A VOID IN OUR CHURCH

Karen Brumley - December 26, 2024 at 11:13 AM



“ Carol Bryant lit a candle in memory of Maxine Ellet



Carol Bryant - December 26, 2024 at 10:46 AM



Maxine was a classy beautiful soul Loved talking with her sending my condolences and prayers to the family

Carol Bryant - December 26, 2024 at 10:48 AM

BJ

“ *Barbara Jeffress lit a candle in memory of Maxine Ellet*



Barbara jeffress - December 26, 2024 at 10:46 AM