



Solita K. Evers Mathis

August 26, 1947 - October 8, 2022

To join the livestream of the funeral service for Solita Kay Evers Mathis, please select the link below. The livestream will begin at 10:50 AM Thursday morning, October 13, 2022.

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Solita Kay Evers Mathis, age 75 years, a resident of Cypress, Illinois, passed away Saturday morning, October 8, 2022, at 1:04 AM, at her home.

Solita was born August 26, 1947 at the former Holden Hospital in Carbondale, Illinois. She was the daughter of Charles Robert "Daddy Bob" Evers and Lu Dean (Lentz) Evers.

Solita is survived by: her children – Christie (her husband, Roy) West of Cypress, Christopher (his wife, Amy) Mathis of Steeleville, and Jackie (her husband, Don) Hileman of Cypress; 8 grandchildren – Bruce (his wife, Sarah) West, Bryan (his wife, Brittney) West, Bradley (his wife, Madi) West, Victor Mathis, Rusty Mathis, Josh Mixen, Amber (her husband, David) Rady, and Erin (her husband, Coby) Creamer; 15 great grandchildren; a very special niece – Jennifer (her husband, Brandon) Osman and their son, Gunner of Cypress, and a nephew – Jay (his wife, Rachel) Gunn and their children, Jeremiah, Sidney, and Chloe of Marion, a brother-in-law – Steve W. Van Hook; a former brother-in-law – Kenny (his wife, Becky) Mathis; as well as

other relatives and a host of dear friends and neighbors.

In addition to her parents, Solita was preceded in death by: her sister – Robby Evers Van Hook; a great niece, Emily; and her grandparents – P.D. and Lu Ella Lentz & John and Ivo Evers.

Solita was a 1965 graduate of Vienna High School. She attended Brown's Business College in Paducah, Kentucky and also earned her C.N.A. (Certified Nurse Assistant) training at Shawnee Community College. Solita began working in her grandparents business, P.D. Lentz General Store, in Cypress when she was 10 years old. Her parents worked alongside her grandparents in the operation of the family business. In 1968, her father opened Bob Evers' Lumber Company. Solita worked in all facets of the business. She also worked as a restaurant cook and, in the early 1980's, was employed by Ozark Ovens. Solita was then employed by Choate Mental Health as a mental health technician II. She retired in 1994.

Solita had a deep respect and appreciation for the military, stemming from the time her father was a prisoner of war (P.O.W.) during World War II. She was a very active member of the Johnson County Desert Shield and Desert Storm support group, during the time her son, Christopher, was deployed in military service. Solita also enjoyed watching any movie with a World War II theme. Solita had a deep love of family and community. She cherished time spent with her family and friends and was always willing to give of her time, talent and energies for a variety of community and Cypress Grade School related projects. She was a familiar face at many school events. She loved to volunteer at the school's annual Christmas Santa cottage. Her church, Bethany Baptist Church, was a very important part of her life as well. Solita worked for many years in the church nursery and volunteered during the annual church Vacation Bible School.

Solita had a great love of children and enjoyed caring for them. In addition to her service in the nursery and children's department at the church, she assisted her daughter, Christie, in providing babysitting and day care service. She has made and given away countless baby quilts.

Solita was also a devoted Elvis Presley fan.

A funeral service honoring the life of Solita Kay Evers Mathis will be conducted Thursday morning, October 13, 2022, at 11 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Jay Franklin and Pastor Pete Vinson will officiate. Musical selections will be offered by Christine Ross and Pastor Steve Heisner. Burial will be in the Cypress Cemetery.

Visitation will be conducted Wednesday, October 12, 2022, from 5 PM - 8 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Visitation will also be conducted Thursday, October 13, 2022, from 10 AM - 11 AM at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Bethany Baptist Church, 555 Bethany Church Road, Cypress, Illinois 62923 or to the Cypress Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 140, Cypress, IL 62923.

Honored to serve as active pallbearers will be: Christopher Mathis, Roy West, Bruce West, Bryan West, Bradley West and Don Hileman. Honorary pallbearers will be Victor Mathis, Rusty Mathis, and Gunner Osman.

Cemetery Details

Cypress Cemetery

5847 State Route 37 South
Cypress, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
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Tribute Wall



“ Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Solita K. Evers Mathis



Bailey Funeral Home - October 13, 2022 at 01:33 PM

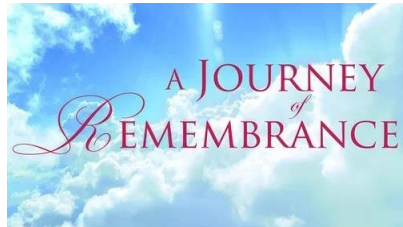
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Prayers for the family! God bless all of you!! 🙏🙏

Pat Jobe Stahl - October 29, 2022 at 08:58 PM



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Bailey Funeral Home - October 13, 2022 at 01:33 PM



“ Solita K. Evers Mathis

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM

JS

“ John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Solita K. Evers Mathis



John Slack - October 13, 2022 at 03:24 PM

SC

“ So sorry for the family's loss. I remember being a little girl going with my Nanny (Karen Capron) to her house all the time. She was a wonderful lady and will be missed! ❤️

Shadow Capron - October 12, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Solita K. Evers Mathis.



October 12, 2022 at 02:38 PM

BL

“ Christy, I am so very sorry for your loss. I loved your mom dearly. We had so much fun working together at Choate. She loved Kim and Kim loved her. We will never forget her. Hugs and prayers.

Betty Livesay - October 12, 2022 at 12:07 PM

BM

“ God's blessings and comfort to all of Solita 's family. 🙏 You are in my prayers. Solita and Robby were dear extended family and childhood friends in the 1960's in Cypress. I enjoyed many years playing with them in there home above the store in Cypress and going to Cypress Grade School with them. Solita was a very kind and loving person from childhood and throughout her life. God's blessings and comfort to all of Solita 's family.
Betty Niblock Miller



Betty A. Niblock Miller - October 11, 2022 at 03:19 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Solita K. Evers Mathis.



October 11, 2022 at 12:39 PM

DH

“ Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of Solita K. Evers Mathis



Dennis and Pat Harner - October 11, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Solita K. Evers Mathis.*



October 10, 2022 at 07:15 PM



“ *Nancy Heisner lit a candle in memory of Solita K. Evers Mathis*



Nancy Heisner - October 10, 2022 at 01:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Solita K. Evers Mathis.*



October 10, 2022 at 10:44 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Solita was such a wonderful lady, always fun to be around. One of my favorite persons I met after I moved to the area.*



Nancy Hester - October 10, 2022 at 07:58 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Solita K. Evers Mathis.*



October 10, 2022 at 05:37 AM



“ *Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Solita K. Evers Mathis*



Diane Rainbolt - October 10, 2022 at 02:02 AM



“ *Such a wonderful woman. Like mother as is daughter. Beautiful family. Prayers for you. Marilyn Waite*



Marilyn J Waite - October 09, 2022 at 10:47 PM



“ *Velva Blades Struble lit a candle in memory of Solita K. Evers Mathis*



velva blades struble - October 09, 2022 at 08:28 PM

GW

“ Gary & Sharon Welch purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Solita K. Evers Mathis.



Gary & Sharon Welch - October 09, 2022 at 07:20 PM

LD

“ What is the most amazing woman I have ever met I remember many times when I was a child playing over at your house and how nice your mother was always love to see her smiling face whenever I was in Cyprus she thought a cipher she thought of your mom my deepest condolences and prayers for the family !!!



Lori Daum - October 09, 2022 at 05:20 PM

DR

“ What an amazing woman and a fabulous cook. She made the best homemade carrot cake and cheese ball I had ever tasted and her italian beef in my goodness. .I loved her laugh and her smile. The woman loved life and loved to talk to people. I feel so BLESSED to of had the honor of knowing this BEAUTIFUL LADY....Solita go rest high on that mountain.

Deborah Retz - October 09, 2022 at 05:05 PM

PM

“ *Phyllis Mosley Myers lit a candle in memory of Solita K. Evers Mathis*



Phyllis Mosley Myers - October 09, 2022 at 04:46 PM

MH

“ *Martha Henshaw-Crane lit a candle in memory of Solita K. Evers Mathis*



Martha Henshaw-Crane - October 09, 2022 at 01:31 PM

LC

“ *Very sorry for your loss. Solita was a warm caring person with a great personality. Praying for your family.*

Larry Choate - October 09, 2022 at 09:28 AM

BR

“ *Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Solita K. Evers Mathis*



Bobby Rentfro - October 09, 2022 at 01:28 AM

JH

“ Justin & Tricia Hartline lit a candle in memory of Solita K. Evers Mathis



Justin & Tricia Hartline - October 08, 2022 at 11:08 PM

KJ

“ So sorry to hear of Solita passing. She sure was a loving caring person. I worked at her grocery store back in the 70's,. I remember her loading a grocery cart at Christmas time, full of wrapped Avon gifts and hand delivering them to her friends around town. Now, that is a giving, caring person. That was just one of the many thoughtful deeds she did for the Cypress community. She will definitely be missed. My prayers and thoughts are with Christie, Christopher, Jackie and family.



kathy jennings - October 08, 2022 at 10:29 PM

WD

“ Always just a wonderful person with a heart of gold. Always reminded me of her mentor and grandfather, PD Lentz.

wayne Dunn - October 08, 2022 at 09:26 PM

RS

“ So sorry for your loss Christy and family. Sending my love, prayers and hugs. She will be dearly missed.



Rachel Stroud - October 08, 2022 at 09:00 PM

NB

“ Christy and family you are in my prayers.
Solita was a wonderful dear friend and will be
greatly missed by all who knew her.



Nancy Breeden - October 08, 2022 at 08:37 PM

JE

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. You all are in my prayers

JoAnne Knaak Eubanks - October 08, 2022 at 07:53 PM

LW

,So sorry for your loss keeping your family in our prayers. Langley and
Wanda

Langley & Wanda West - October 08, 2022 at 08:38 PM

TW

“ I remember Solita from growing up in Cypress years ago(70's).
From the old P.D. Lentz grocery store and Evers gas Company I
believe. Both were on main Street. Her and her family always so
nice. Prayers for the family.

Tammy (Morris) Werner-King - October 08, 2022 at 07:35 PM

MH

“ Prayers for Christie and Chris and families
Love You Bunches ❤️❤️❤️



Mary Lou Hynes - October 08, 2022 at 07:30 PM

DH

“ *Debbie Hileman lit a candle in memory of Solita K. Evers Mathis*



Debbie Hileman - October 08, 2022 at 07:23 PM

LK

“ *Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Solita K. Evers Mathis*



Linda Koehler - October 08, 2022 at 07:20 PM

PS

“ *Paula Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Solita K. Evers Mathis*



Paula Sullivan - October 08, 2022 at 07:10 PM

LB

“ *Linda Biethman lit a candle in memory of Solita K. Evers Mathis*



Linda Biethman - October 08, 2022 at 07:07 PM

VE

“ Vicki Eastwood lit a candle in memory of Solita K. Evers Mathis



Vicki Eastwood - October 08, 2022 at 06:57 PM

BW

“ Bill And Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of Solita K. Evers Mathis



Bill and Barb Warmack - October 08, 2022 at 06:51 PM



“ Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of Solita K. Evers Mathis



Jeannie McCall - October 08, 2022 at 06:48 PM