



Virgie Irene Billingsley

October 30, 1936 - February 22, 2018

Virgie Irene Billingsley, age 81 years, a resident of Goreville and a former resident of Mattoon, Illinois from 1980 - 1997, passed away Thursday afternoon, February 22, 2018, at 1:46 PM at the Heartland Regional Medical Center in Marion, Illinois.

Virgie was born October 30, 1936 in Goreville, Illinois. She was the 6th of 12 children born to Gus Lee Perry and Vertie Jewel (Thornton) Perry.

Virgie was united in marriage to William Fite in Indiana. She was later married to Dale Billingsley on August 30, 1997 at the Reynoldsburg Church in Johnson County Illinois. He survives.

Other survivors include: her daughters – Lisa D. Fite-Maynard and her husband Charles of Marion, Illinois and Tamera G. Fite-Cooley and her husband Jeff of Demotte, Indiana; 2 stepchildren – Eddie Dale (Sheila) Billingsley of Goreville and Paula (Charles) Atwood of Mascoutah; 8 grandchildren – Kara D. (Justin) Williams, Chelsea D. Lloyd, William K. (Sabrina) Fite, Kailee F.K. Howard, Sarah (Jeff) Jones, Rachel (Jason) Forby, Josh (Jordon) Billingsley, and Caleb Atwood; great grandchildren – Aleighna G. Lloyd, Keagan R. Bloodworth, Keyden P. Lloyd, Karter I. Fite, Noah K. Bruce, William J. Fite, Keegan Jones, Kanon Jones, Kellan Jones, Shea Forby, Emma Forby and Ryder Billingsley; 2 brothers – Kenneth Perry of

Paulton and John Perry of Marion; 2 sisters – Wilma Stroud of Goreville and Juanita Deere of Mattoon; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to her parents, Virgie was preceded in death by her first husband, William Fite; a brother – Ernest Perry; 4 sisters – Fronie Wilson, Lorene Jolly, Lois Dean Billingsley, and Genevie Hancock; an infant sister and an infant brother.

Virgie was a 1954 graduate of Goreville High School. She was employed for over 18 years as the kitchen manager at the Little Mexico Restaurant in Mattoon.

Virgie was of the Baptist faith. During her marriage to Dale, Virgie faithfully attended and served in the churches where he pastored. She is remembered for her love of gardening, cooking and spending time with her loving grandchildren.

A service honoring the life of Virgie Billingsley will be conducted Monday, February 26, 2018, at 11 AM at Busby Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, 7715 State Route 37 North, Goreville, IL 62939. Rev. Roger Roper will officiate. Burial will be in Busby Chapel Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Sunday, February 25, 2018, from 5 PM – 8 PM at Busby Chapel Church.

Memorials may be made to the Dementia Society of America, P.O. Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901 (www.dementiasociety.org)

Cemetery Details

Busby Chapel Cemetery

IL Route 37 South
Goreville, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Luncheon

FEB **26**. 1:30 PM (CT)

Friendship Baptist Church
1635 Friendship Loop
Goreville, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Virgie Irene Billingsley*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Dale and family,
So very sorry for your loss. I am sorry we are in Florida for a few weeks and cannot attend service. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you for your stand in the Lord. Sincerely, Joy and Don King*

Joy and Don King - February 25, 2018 at 09:06 AM



“ *The Williams Family lit a candle in memory of
Virgie Irene Billingsley*



The Williams Family - February 23, 2018 at 03:59 PM



“ *June Hartline lit a candle in memory of Virgie
Irene Billingsley*



June Hartline - February 23, 2018 at 03:28 PM