



Betty Jo Billingsley

November 1, 1922 - September 10, 2021

Betty Jo Billingsley, 98, only child of Linn E. and Anna Dell Barnes, passed to her eternal home on the 10th day of September, 2021.

Betty Jo was born on November 1, 1922 in Holden, Johnson County, Missouri. She graduated with Holden High School Class of 1940 and was united in marriage to Melvin J. Billingsley on May 8, 1943.

She is survived by her children, Russ Billingsley (Lynda) of Ballwin, MO, Matt Billingsley (Debra) of Topeka, KS, Joanna Billingsley (Kevin Parnell) of Ozark, MO and Catherine Boling (Steven) of Springfield, MO and daughter-in-law, Sandra Billingsley. She is survived by grandchildren Philip Billingsley (Alyssa), Cindy Vilsick (Jim), Renee Thomas, Marti Sloan (David), Greg Billingsley (Lisa), Spencer Hawkins (Kate) and Paige Parnell. Also surviving her are great grandchildren Lucy and Theo Vilsick, Sean and Lauren Thomas, Cameron Young, Alex Sloan, Luke, Nathan, Jacob and Ella Billingsley, and one great-great grandchild, Mila Young. She was predeceased by her husband, Melvin; parents, Linn E. and Anna Dell Barnes; in-laws Marvin and Ada Billingsley and her beloved son, Mark Billingsley.

She was baptized at the age of ten in the Holden Christian Church where her grandparents were charter members. She later became a member of South Street Christian Church where she was active in teaching Children's Sunday School, volunteering in VBS, camp and Christian Women's Fellowship. After moving to Republic, MO she became active in the First Christian Church.

She was a 50 plus year member of OES #226 as well as being a member of

the Nosegay Garden Club. While a stay at home mother, she was active in PTA and supported her children in sports and other youth activities. Afraid of water all her life, she mandated swimming lessons for her children, summer and winter, until she was satisfied they wouldn't drown. She began her work career at The Republic Monitor and then Drury College. She retired from Georgia Pacific Lumber Co. after ten years. She thoroughly enjoyed her work and her colleagues every place she worked.

She was an only child who was never lonely and was blessed by the ability to make and keep a wide circle of friends all of her long life. She had and has many cherished friends but was especially close to her dear cousin, Betty Moore and friends, Geraldine Burdick, Bette Farwell and Mary Alice Starnes with whom she maintained friendships from the first grade until they were in their nineties. She enjoyed traveling all over the United States as well as Europe. She was a life-long learner, inveterate reader and loved playing dominos and games with friends and family. She maintained a membership in the Springfield Symphony for many years and became a regular watcher of PGA golf tournaments.

Her family and friends will always remember her as a loving mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and caring friend who believed in the power of positive thinking, the power of prayer and the promises of Roman 8. Her family is grateful for the loving and attentive care she received from the staff at North Park Village Assisted Living.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Holden Cemetery, Holden, Missouri and a Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on October 23, 2021 at Elm Grove Methodist Church, Rogersville, MO.

Donations in her memory may be made to Elm Grove Methodist Church "Shoe Box Ministry" at P.O. Box 295, Rogersville, MO 65742.

Arrangements entrusted to Campbell-Cast Funeral Home, Holden, MO.

Cemetery Details

Holden Cemetery

West 10th Street
Holden, MO 64040

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Holden, MO 64040

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Billingsley.*



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“ *Spencer's Family at Haystax purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Betty Jo Billingsley.*



Spencer's Family at Haystax - September 13, 2021 at 10:10 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Billingsley.*



September 12, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Billingsley.*



September 12, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ *Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Billingsley.*



September 11, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Billingsley.*



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