



Ada L. "Gussie" Berry

February 19, 1925 - April 25, 2011

WASHINGTON – Ada L. “Gussie” Berry, 86, of Washington, IL, died at 11:03 pm Monday, April 25, 2011 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, IL.

Born on February 19, 1925 in Double Springs, AL to Sidney R. and Effie A. Bennett Williams, she married Steve C. Berry Sr. on August 23, 1941. He preceded her in death on May 12, 2005 in Eureka, IL.

Surviving are 3 children, Janice (Don) Sherbert of Urbana, IL, and Steve (Tonya) Berry Jr. and Anthony (Melody) Berry, both of Washington, IL, 1 sister, Ruth Lee of Chickasaw, AL, 1 brother, Jesse (Bobbie) Williams of Birmingham, AL, 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 1 daughter, Una Shelby, 2 brothers, 2 sisters, and 1 great-granddaughter, Hadley Tidwell.

Gussie was a beloved member of Crossroads United Methodist Church in Washington, IL, where she was active in the Alpha Class, Bible Study and mentoring program.

She was a cherished wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother to her family, and “Grandma Gussie” to others who

“adopted” her and whom she “adopted” as her own. She treasured her almost 64 years of marriage and the many countless hours spent ballroom dancing with her beloved husband.

Gussie recently celebrated 40 years with Mary Kay Cosmetics. She was the first Independent Sales Director in central Illinois, and earned numerous awards over the years, including Queen of Sales (#1 in the country) in 1984. She knew Mary Kay Ash personally and passed along her legacy of perfection.

She left a lasting impression on everyone she met and touched their life with joy and inspiration. She will be missed.

Services will be at 4 pm Saturday, April 30, 2011 at Crossroads United Methodist Church in Washington. Pastor Tom Goodell will officiate. Visitation will be from 1-4 pm at the church on Saturday. Deiters Funeral Home and Crematory in Washington is assisting the family with arrangements. An additional funeral service will be at 11 am Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at Kilgore-Green Funeral Home 1200 Birmingham Ave. Jasper, AL 35501. Pastor Bob DeBolt will officiate. A visitation will begin at 10 am Tuesday at the funeral home in Jasper. Burial will follow in Bennett Cemetery in Jasper, AL.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **30**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Crossroads United Methodist Church
1420 N. Main Street
Washington, IL

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Jasper, AL

Service

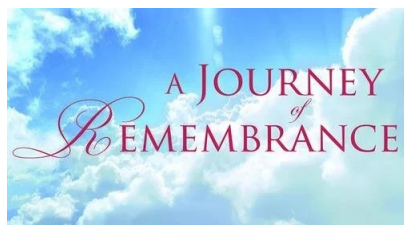
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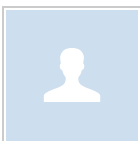
Tribute Wall



“ *Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Ada L. "Gussie" Berry*

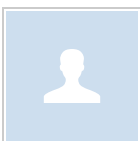


Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory - April 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Esp. to Janice, but also the whole family - I met your mom only once that I know of, but my mom sat with her at Snyder meals and told me I went to school with her daughter. I was really sorry to here of her untimely passing and offer my condolences. It sounds like she was a joy to know, as I know friends of hers. Sorry this is late, but I didn't realize it was Jan's mom until recently. Terri (Bess) Schergen##imported-begin##Terri Bess Schergen##imported-end##*

May 10, 2011 at 05:11 PM



“ *My prayers are with Gussies family along with my eternal thanksgiviing to our Father God for bringing her into my life. She truly is a great example of Jesus. What an inspiration! She will be tremendously missed.##imported-begin##Judy Jent##imported-end##*

May 02, 2011 at 01:43 PM



“ Gussie will be truly missed in our lives just as she was truly enjoyed in our lives. She always made us feel enjoyed, right from the first time we set foot in Crossroads. She always had time for us. So much warmth and goodness poured from her smile and her welcoming ways. She was such a sharing person and opened her home just as she opened her heart. She is truly missed at this moment and will be sorely missed every day. Our prayers are with the family just as her's were also. Gussie was a wonderful example of a true southern belle with grace and dignity. I am grieved for all of us who will miss such a wonderful living example of love and integrity.##imported-begin##Russ & JoAnn Petri##imported-end##

April 30, 2011 at 01:00 PM



“ When I think of Gussie.... Beautiful, great smile, quick-witted, always a compliment to perk me up, loving, and of course... the PINK car!
I saw Gussie this past Monday, and she was still the great lady, with that smile and perking me up, like always. I'm sure she touched more lives than we will ever know.

I also remember hearing my parents talk of their friends, Steve and Gussie Berry, usually about dancing!!

And now for their last dance....

The Heavenly Waltz##imported-begin##Donnie
Portscheller##imported-end##

April 30, 2011 at 10:48 AM



“ Tony and Family: My sincerest condolences for your loss. Although I never had the opportunity to meet your mother, Melody talked of her often, she will be missed.

My prays are with you and your family.##imported-begin##bRENDA fRANKLIN##imported-end##

April 29, 2011 at 01:29 PM



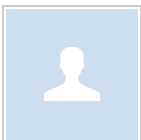
“ Steve, Tonya, Lexie & family, what a blessing your mom was to so many people, what a great witness for the Lord! Our thoughts, prayers, go out to you all during this time of sorrow and joy, God bless!##imported-begin##Jim, Sheila Reynolds##imported-end##

April 29, 2011 at 09:26 AM



“ Steve and Tonya,
Sorry to read about Gussie. I saw her recently in Monicals. She sure looked young and acted young. She is a real testament to Mary Kay. I know she will be greatly missed. I will miss that pink caddy whizzing through Washington. Karen Springer##imported-begin##Karen Springer##imported-end##

April 28, 2011 at 11:19 PM



“ Gussie was fun loving, warm hearted, wonderful woman. I had many memorable times with her in Mary Kay. She will be deeply missed. My love and prayers are with you Gussie.

Love, Kathy Mellen##imported-begin##Kathy Mellen##imported-end##

April 28, 2011 at 05:22 PM



“ we are so very sorry to hear of your moms passing. we had no idea she had been ill.
our sympathys to all
she was a grand lady###imported-begin##susie dement bernard and
connie dement###imported-end##

April 28, 2011 at 02:19 PM



“ Tony & family,

My sincerest condolences for your loss - Gussie was truly an amazing and beautiful woman. May your memories bring you comfort during this difficult time.###imported-begin##Becky Holmes###imported-end##

April 28, 2011 at 01:08 PM



“ Tony & Family:

Please accept our deepest sympathies for you loss. A donation has been made to United Methodist in Washington in Gussie's name.

Regards,

The Entire Staff at Austin Engineering Company in
Peoria###imported-begin##Austin Engineering Co.###imported-end##

April 28, 2011 at 10:42 AM



“ Gussie was my mom's (Fay) roommate at OSF, just last week. I enjoyed our conversations, and am happy to have met her. Peace and strength to the family in your time of sorrow!###imported-begin###Mary Beutel###imported-end##

April 28, 2011 at 09:33 AM



“ I haven't known Gussie too long, but quickly discovered she was not only a beautiful lady on the outside, but she also had a beautiful inner spirit.###imported-begin###Kay Drake###imported-end##

April 28, 2011 at 09:26 AM



“ Thank you for your support!
We would love to see you at the service at 4pm.
Steve Berry Jr.###imported-begin###tonya###imported-end##

April 28, 2011 at 03:38 AM



“ With the promise of prayers ~

Love ~ Tony & Jennifer
(New Dimensions)###imported-begin###Tony & Jennifer
Huetten###imported-end##

April 27, 2011 at 10:59 PM



“ *What a grand lady! Gussie was in my small group at church and we would often go out for dinner after church. In whatever Gussie did, she raised the bar for all involved. I know that I am a better person for having known and loved Gussie. Mom and I, (Betty) will truly miss our friend. Our prayers go out to all of her family whom she cherished. I pray for God's peace and healing to all.##imported-begin##Valerie Kruzan##imported-end##*

April 27, 2011 at 11:17 AM