

Bertella "Bert" Branham

August 26, 1940 - October 31, 2019

Bertella "Bert" Branham, age 79 of Highland, IL, died Thursday, October 31, 2019, at her residence in Highland, IL.

She was born on August 26, 1940, in Muldraugh, KY, the daughter of Jesse and Grace (nee Fannin) Conley.

On November 23, 1959, she married Ralph E. Branham at Moraine, OH. He survives in Highland, IL.

She was a member of Highland Southern Baptist Church. She was also a member of VFW Post #5694 Auxiliary, Highland, IL.

Bert was born on Aug 26, 1940 in Muldraugh, KY. She moved to Levee, KY at age 6 and lived there until graduating from Beaver Creek High School in Beaver Creek, OH, and working at a local drug store. She married Ralph in Moraine, OH on November 23, 1959. He was already enlisted in the US Air Force and she was happy to join him during their 21 year Air Force career which took them to several different places. This spurred her passion to relocate, decorate and establish new homes. They moved to Freeburg, IL in 1973 while being stationed at Scott Air Force Base. She enjoyed a 25 year career as a phlebotomist at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Belleville, until retiring in 1995. After a time in Huntsville, AL they relocated to Highland in 2009. During

her 10 years in Highland, she was a member of Highland Southern Baptist Church and Auxiliary member of VFW Post #5694. She also enjoyed reading, decorating and spending time with her extended family consisting of 3 children, 11 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. She was married almost 60 years to her cherished loving husband Ralph.

Survivors include:

Husband - Ralph E. Branham MSGT USAF Retired, Highland, IL

Son - Ralph Anthony "Tony" Branham, Kings Mountain, NC

Son - Mark Owen (Karla Kay) Branham, Wentzville, MO

Daughter - Sonja M. Branham, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Jessica (Charles) Grimes, Fort Mill, SC

Grandchild - Justin (Meghann) Branham, Chesterfield, IL

Grandchild - Corry Branham, St. Louis, MO

Grandchild - Mark E. (Jodi) Branham, Fort Worth, TX

Grandchild - Krystal A. (David) Hagerman, Mulvane, KS

Grandchild - Matt O. (Fiancee Erin Zickel) Branham, Saint Peters, MO

Grandchild - Mike K. (Jaclyn) Branham, Wentzville, MO

Grandchild - Kandyce K. Branham, Wentzville, MO

Grandchild - Kameryn A. Branham, Wentzville, MO

Grandchild - Courtney (Eric) Heyen, Troy, IL

Grandchild - Alli (Brian) Henderson, Gillespie, IL

Great Grandchild - Peyton Branham

Great Grandchild - Connor Branham

Great Grandchild - Kelton Grimes

Great Grandchild - Kane Grimes

Great Grandchild - Parker Branham

Great Grandchild - Ayla Branham

Great Grandchild - Eastyn Hagerman

Great Grandchild - Mack Branham

Great Grandchild - Brentley Branham

Great Grandchild - Oliver Heyen

Sister - Brenda Faye Thompson, Mt. Sterling, KY

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Jesse L. Conley

Mother - Grace L. Conley, nee Fannin

Daughter-In-law - Kelly S. Branham, nee Quayle - Died 9/11/2018

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Sunday, November 03, 2019, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Monday, November 04, 2019, at Highland Southern Baptist Church in Highland, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 AM on Monday, November 04, 2019, at Highland Southern Baptist Church in Highland, IL, with Rev. Dr. Billy Blackmon officiating.

Interment will be at Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society or Highland Southern Baptist Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Bertella "Bert" Branham*



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - November 04, 2019 at 11:44 AM

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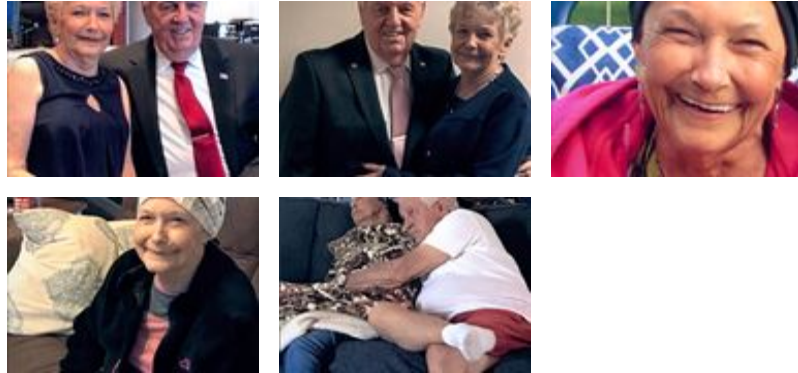
“ *Ralph, Sonia, Tony and Mark and your families,
I am so sorry to read of the loss of your sweet wife and momma. I think of you all often and praise God for you al. May He give you all peace and comfort during this time of sorrow and may the good memories of her bless you always.*

*Love,
Debbie (Widel) Rakers*

Debbie Rakers - November 05, 2019 at 07:31 AM



“ 50 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Spengel-Boulangier Funeral Home - November 04, 2019 at 11:41 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Bertella "Bert" Branham.



November 02, 2019 at 01:34 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant* was purchased for the family of Bertella "Bert" Branham.



November 02, 2019 at 12:30 PM

WL

“ I was Bert and Ralph’s flower girl at their wedding. I was 6 yrs old. We lived in the same town and attended Moraine City First Church of God. Bert’s mom and her aunt were both considered “Aunt” to me. Bert and Brenda were my “big sisters”. Though years have passed and there are miles between us, I still consider Bert, Ralph, and Brenda family. She is now in God’s tender care. I love y’all. ~ WillaDean Lewis

WillaDean Lewis - November 02, 2019 at 02:26 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bertella "Bert" Branham.



November 01, 2019 at 11:16 PM

MB

“ Thoughts love and prayers to Ralph and family. She was a beautiful lady with a wonderful personality beautiful smile. Cherish your memories

maty beth broughton - November 01, 2019 at 09:45 PM

MB

“ Maty Beth Broughton lit a candle in memory of Bertella "Bert" Branham



maty beth broughton - November 01, 2019 at 09:43 PM

BH

“ I met Bert in 2007 at Ralph and I 50th class reunion. She was such a delightful person. She attended most of our class reunions after that until this past year when she was unable. Bill and I send our thoughts and Prayers to Ralph and family. Bill and DeLores Hovermale

Bill and DeLores Hovermale - November 01, 2019 at 07:50 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bertella "Bert" Branham.



November 01, 2019 at 07:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bertella "Bert" Branham.



November 01, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bertella "Bert" Branham.



November 01, 2019 at 03:57 PM