



Emma Jean Heisey

May 19, 1947 - October 31, 2015

Emma Jean Heisey, age 68 of Alhambra, IL, died Saturday, October 31, 2015, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, IL.

She was born on Monday, May 19, 1947, in Hershey, PA, the daughter of Christian and Mary (nee Seltzer) Heisey.

She was a member of First Baptist Church, Alhambra, IL; Alhambra Community Club; Delta Kappa Alpha in College.

Emma was born and reared in Hershey, PA. After high school, she moved to California and did Christian Mission work. In 1977 she and her family moved to Venice, IL She attended Belleville Area College and then SIU-E to finish her education. She was a substitute teacher in Special Education in several Metro School Districts. Following a car accident, she lost her sight and was wheelchair bound. Emma Jean moved to the Alhambra Care Center in 2001. She enjoyed being active in her church - especially with the State Prison Ministry and helping make/package items for the homeless She enjoyed crochet & knitting.

Survivors include:

Father - Christian E. Heisey, Winchester, VA

Daughter - Rebecca L. Harshaw, Saint Louis, MO

Daughter - Roberta J. Larkin, Gibson City, IL
Daughter - Shirley M. (Johnny) Cystrunk, East Saint Louis, IL
Grandchild - Tenisha M. Cystrunk
Grandchild - Emily K. Bucks
Grandchild - Jessica D. Braggs
Grandchild - Vanisha R. Cystrunk
Grandchild - Justin J. Braggs
Grandchild - Ieshea N. Cystrunk
Grandchild - Ashley R. Cystrunk
Great Grandchild - Nevaeh M. Williams
Sister - Sarah (Bob) Kerns, Winchester, VA
Brother - Bill (Lil) Heisey, Glen Allen, VA.

She was preceded in death by:

Mother - Mary J. Heisey (nee Seltzer) (died 1982)
Son In-law - Joseph Larkin (died 5/11/2011)
Sister - Mary Christine Harris (died 2007).

Arrangements are being handled by Dauderman Mortuary in Alhambra, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 6:45 PM on Monday, November 02, 2015, at First Baptist Church in Alhambra, IL.

Funeral service will be at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 02, 2015, at First Baptist Church in Alhambra, IL., with Rev. Mark Gause, Pastor, officiating.

Private Interment Service will be at Harris Cemetery in Alhambra, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Family.

Tribute Wall

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“ I googled Emma Jean this morning and came across her obituary. I was Emma Jean's roommate in San Francisco in the late 60s and early 70s when we served together at the Life Line Mission. I lost track of her in the moves and am sorry to see that I am now too late to reconnect. She was a wonderful friend and I have thought of her many times over the years. We were both from Pennsylvania and I have lived in California for many years. Norma Burkholder Wood

Norma Burkholder Wood - February 23, 2016 at 11:35 AM

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“ Our sincere sympathy to the family of Emma Jean Heisey. Living in Venice was special to many of us. Some of us arrived later, but many of us grew up there. A smile, a kind word, or a friendship became a part of us and made us who we are. Whether we lived there recently or long ago, when we hear someone has passed on we feel a loss. Even if we did not know them personally, the fact they lived in Venice is important to us.

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you.

The Venice History Committee

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