



## Minnie M. Steinhoff

August 15, 1925 - January 2, 2018

Minnie M. Steinhoff, age 92 of Belleville, IL, died Tuesday, January 02, 2018, at Bria of Belleville in Belleville, IL.

She was born on Saturday, August 15, 1925, in Maiden, NC, the daughter of John and Lucy (nee Buff) Fredell.

She was a member of Towerview Baptist Church, Shiloh, IL; Former member-Garden Heights Baptist Church-Belleville, IL; Former member-First Baptist Church-Highland, IL.

Minnie was born on a farm near the town of Maiden, NC, in Catawa County. She graduated from Bellwood High School in North Carolina, in 1943. She moved to Cleveland county worked for Textile Mills and sang with the Paxton Band on weekends. She married Mr. Grayson, moved to Jacksonville, FL, in 1945, and worked at Federal Credit Clothiers and later at Sears and Roebuck. Mr. and Mrs. Grayson returned to North Carolina and farmed for one season, then moved to Denver, CO. She re-married in 1950, and lived in Cape Girardeau, MO where she completed Practical Nursing Course from Chicago School of Nursing. They moved to St. Jacob, IL in 1953 and operated Al's Surplus Store in Highland, IL and Al's Utomotive Service on the St. Jacob/Marine Road until 1972. At that time she worked locally as a Home Care Nurse; Seamstress; Artist; Den Mother for Boy Scout Troup 61;

Chairperson for Social Concerns Committee and Sunday School Teacher (1st graders through senior citizens) at First Baptist Church -Highland, IL from 1954 to 1973. She later worked at St. Jacob Nursing Home and Chastain's of Highland. They moved to Belleville, IL in 1976, and received her Social Psychology/Business Management degree from Belleville Area College. She worked for Children and Family Services-Montior/Rehab/Care while taking night classes at Belleville Area College. Was employed by Addus Health Care, Inc. since 1982. She wrote and self published two books.

Survivors include:

Son - Paul H. (Mary) Steinhoff, Saint Louis, MO

Grandchild - Dara (significant other-Troy Leighton) Steinhoff, Portland, OR

Grandchild - Nathanael Steinhoff, Saint Louis, MO

Grandchild - Jessie (Nicholas) Price, Gerald, MO

Grandchild - Dana (Harold) Steinhoff Hawn, Louisville, IL

Great Grandchild - Mason Steinhoff

Great Grandchild - Brock Steinhoff

Great Grandchild - Anthony White

Great Grandchild - Minas Kassiou

Great Grandchild - Adam Baglin.

She was preceded in death by:

Father - John E. Fredell

Mother - Lucy C. Fredell (nee Buff)

1st Husband - Summie A. "Sam" Grayson (married 10/17/1945 @ NC)

2nd Husband - Alvin C. Steinhoff (married 10/28/1950 @ Denver, CO)

Son - Summie W. Steinhoff - Died 6/25/2008

Son - Jon A. Steinhoff - Died 7/24/2011

Son - Martin N. Steinhoff - Died 5/30/1971

Daughter - Cecelia J. Steinhoff - Died 10/31/1956

Sister - Preceded by Two

Brother - Preceded by Nine.

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

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, Rev. Terry E. Crownover, Retired Pastor, Belleville, IL, officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland  
1501 9th Street  
P.O. Box 187  
Highland, IL 62249  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Just this month (8/2020) I became aware that Minnie wrote books and had passed away. I remember her from the St. Jacob area and Al's shop there. In life we can remember a moment in time which is frozen there. Such a time is when my parents and I stopped by the shop and Minnie was chipping mortar off used bricks so they could use them. When we'd returned to our car, the comment was made that 'she was the hardest working woman they knew'. It was difficult to know they lived in the shop, but knew they were okay and made me appreciate our situation much more. Just finished her book "Miracles I've Known" and moved by her stories and life.

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**Joy Bingman** - August 20, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ Minnie was my neighbor years ago. I (Marilyn) knew her to be a very Christian lady. Her sense of humor was priceless. We laughed together a lot. She really cared about her family. Her boys meant so much .. Their spirituality was important to her. Minnie was such a giving individual. It was a joy to be around her. We visited one another even after I moved away. After I married, she met my husband, Wayne. He really liked her. He said he too wanted to go to Minnie's wake even though it is out of town. After awhile I(Marilyn) kept in contact mostly by phone with everyone's busy schedule. I wanted to see how she was doing. Minnie was truly a special person. She will be missed. Paul and family You and Minnie are in our prayers and have our deepest sympathy.  
God bless you.

Wayne and Marilyn (Kaffer, Kaemmerer,) Layman

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**Wayne and Marilyn Layman** - January 09, 2018 at 12:10 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Minnie M. Steinhoff.*



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January 08, 2018 at 08:45 AM



“ *Love, Rick and Debbie Temple purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Minnie M. Steinhoff.*



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**Love, Rick and Debbie Temple** - January 06, 2018 at 01:22 PM



“ *Minnie was a strong woman who loved the Lord, loved His Word and loved His people. She lived a long life for God's glory. She shared her faith with others. She was a faithful church member. She loved gospel music as well. She cared dearly for her family, especially her three sons. Minnie left us many good memories. She will be missed by many, including us. Our deepest sympathies sent to her son, Paul, and other family members. In Christian love, Terry & Sonia Crossover, former pastor and wife of Garden Heights Baptist Church.*

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**Terry and Sonia** - January 06, 2018 at 12:29 PM

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“Minnie was a very dear friend, she always referred to us as her adopted children. We met Minnie at Garden Heights Baptist Church and quickly became very good friends. Minnie will always hold a special place the heart of myself and husband. Rest in peace "pretty lady". Love Rick and Debbie Temple



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**Rick and Debbie Temple** - January 05, 2018 at 11:26 AM