



## Alice Pearl Stark

November 14, 1936 - May 6, 2026

Alice Pearl Stark of Salem passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family.

Alice was born on November 14, 1936, in Pekin to the late Glenn and Mary (Carpenter) Diegel. Miss Alice Diegel married the love of her life, Mr. William “Bill” Stark Sr., on July 3, 1953, in Pekin, Illinois. This union was blessed with one son, William Stark Jr.

Alice was devoted to her family and cherished being a homemaker while raising her son. After he began school, she worked part-time in the lunchroom at Caterpillar, where Bill was also employed. Following Bill’s retirement, the couple moved to Salem and enjoyed life together on their small farm. Sadly, Bill passed away in February 2018. Alice later moved into town.

First and foremost, Alice was a loving mother and grandmother who adored her grandchildren. She was a wonderful cook and always looked forward to gathering family around her table for meals she proudly prepared herself. No one was ever allowed to bring a dish because Alice insisted on doing it all — and there was always more than enough food for everyone. She especially loved the holidays, with Christmas being her favorite season. Alice was well known among family and friends for the delicious Christmas cookies she faithfully baked every year.

Alice also dearly loved her little mixed-breed Chihuahua, Chipper, whom she adopted from the animal shelter. Chipper brought her great comfort and companionship.

Alice Pearl Stark is survived by her son, William Stark Jr. and wife Teresa of Salem, Missouri; grandchildren, Shawn Stark, Alicia Gallagher (Charlie), Sylvia Stark (Donald Cheney), Jennifer Wells (Donald), and Holly Abbott (Jeremy Starkey); sister, Sharon Broomfield of Pekin, Illinois; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and a great-great-granddaughter expected later this month; a host of extended family and friends.

In addition to her parents, Glenn and Mary Diegel, and her beloved husband Bill Stark Sr., Alice was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Jacqueline Stark, and four siblings.

Funeral services for Alice will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at the Salem Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary, with Pastor Charlie Younger officiating. Interment will follow at Northlawn Cemetery, where she will be laid to rest beside her beloved Bill.

Visitation for family and friends will be held at the chapel prior to the service from 11:00 a.m. until service time at 12:00 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## North Lawn Cemetery

Hwy 19 North  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-3117  
dcjames@fidnet.com  
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com>

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

**MAY 12.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem  
103 West Center  
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## Service

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