



Athalee Ada Summers

January 15, 1927 - January 30, 2015

Athalee Ada Summers of St. James, Missouri passed away Friday, January 30, 2015 at the Phelps County Regional Medical Center in Rolla, Missouri at the age of 88. Athalee was born in Columbus, Indiana on January 15, 1927 to the late Farrel Clarence and Barbara Ellen (Fessler) Stearns.

After graduating from High School Athalee went on to attend business college for two years. She was also an accomplished dancer, teaching tap dance and also performing on stage; Athalee was also a very talented seamstress and dressmaker. Miss Athalee Stearns was united in marriage to Orville Summers on September 25, 1948 in St. James, Missouri, this union was blessed with three children. Orville and Athalee moved to the family farm where they would raise their family and Angus cattle; she loved living on the farm where she would enjoy a big garden raising food and canning so she could feed her family fresh food in the long winter months; Athalee loved children she not only raised her children, but after the death of her sister at a young age she would raise her children, her grandchildren, and her nieces; she also had a soft spot for stray cats and dogs; she loved baking and her family will forever remember the delicious cakes and pies that came out of her oven; Arts and crafts were also a great passion of hers, not only sewing, but she loved woodworking. Her family fondly recalls the "granny" hasn't missed Wheel of Fortune in 30 years! Athalee was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and was very involved until her health no longer permitted. A

loving and devoted mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend to all, Athalee will be greatly missed.

Athalee is survived by her children, Karan Sue Eden and husband Gordon, of St. James, MO, Farrel Everett Summers and wife Marilee, of West Chicago, IL, and Karolyn Kay Slader and husband Robert, of Aurora, IL; grandchildren, Michael and David Sepanek, Dawn Myers, Kevin and Kristin Slader, Mackenzie and Storm Summers; great-grandchildren, Ryan Sepanek, and Kyle, Corin, Caden, and Caleb Myers. In addition to her parents Athalee was preceded in death by her husband Orville, in 1982; sister Nadine Turner; and half-sister Maxine Waller.

A Funeral Mass for Athalee Ada Summers will be held Saturday, February 7, 2015 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Visitation for family and friends will be held on Friday, February 6, 2015 from 5-8PM at the St. James Chapel of the James and Gahr Mortuary. Memorials are suggested to the St. James Animal Shelter, or The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, cards are available at all James & Gahr locations.

Cemetery Details

Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery

St. James, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - St. James

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Funeral Mass

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

St. James, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Athalee Ada Summers*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Athalee Ada Summers*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Athalee Ada Summers.*



February 06, 2015 at 09:46 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Athalee Ada Summers.*



February 05, 2015 at 09:14 AM



“ *We will miss you Grannie.
XXOO
Marilee, Mack & Storm*

MD - February 05, 2015 at 08:52 AM

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MD - February 05, 2015 at 08:50 AM

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“ *Scott, Nancy, Kira & Shannon Stearns purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Athalee Ada Summers.*



Scott, Nancy, Kira & Shannon Stearns - February 02, 2015 at 08:15 PM

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“ *My sincerest condolences for your loss of someone so dear and so special. Always treasure those good times spent together as well as the the hope of being together again just as our King Christ Jesus has promised.*

Louise Brown - February 02, 2015 at 02:20 PM