



Della Rose Crabtree

January 27, 1939 - April 26, 2025

Della Rose Crabtree, of Salem, Missouri, passed away peacefully on April 26, 2025, at the Cedar Point Nursing Center in Rolla, Missouri, at the age of 86.

Della was born on January 27, 1939, in Montauk, Missouri, to the late George and Artie (Gorman) Atchison. She was the devoted mother of five children. While raising her family, she lived in Eminence, Missouri, before eventually moving to Salem.

Della worked at Barad's, sewing nightgowns, and later at Paramount Headwear as a sewing machine operator. She found her true passion when she began working in the home healthcare field, caring for others with compassion and dedication. She continued this work until the age of 74, when her health began to decline.

Della loved spending time outdoors, especially tending to her flowers. She cherished her family deeply, maintaining a special closeness with her nephews and an especially strong bond with her beloved sister, Rose. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy. Della was raised in the Baptist faith, a foundation that remained with her throughout her life.

Della Rose Crabtree is survived by her children, Teddy Crabtree of Salem, MO, and Teresa Busbey and husband Dean of Salem, MO; her sisters, Deana

Neil of Winona, MO, and Rose Smith of Licking, MO; her grandchildren, Sammy Crabtree, Tonya Crabtree, Micheal Crabtree, Natasha Crabtree, Brian Parker, Heather Parker, Nikki Busbey, and Brian Warren; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

In addition to her parents, George and Artie Atchison, Della was preceded in death by her sons, Danny Crabtree and Douglas Crabtree, infant daughter, Connie Crabtree and granddaughter, Susan Crabtree.

Funeral services for Della will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 1:00 PM at the Salem Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary, with Pastor Charlie Younger officiating. Interment will follow at Patterson Cemetery in Montauk, Missouri.

Visitation for family and friends will be held at the Chapel on Wednesday prior to the service, from 11:00 AM until service time.

Cemetery Details

Patterson Cemetery

Montauk, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem
103 West Center
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Tribute Wall

VN

“ When I was a girl she and her husband, Paul, lived with Paul's family just across the road and down a short way. Her first two children Danny and Connie were born there. She would come visit with Mom about every day and we got to play with the kids which was a treat for us. I have good memories of her. Then when Mom's health had deteriorated to the point she needed care, Della was one of the care givers. She was a competent and compassion care giver.

Vernetta Nelson - April 29, 2025 at 12:56 PM

VW

“ I'm sorry to hear that Aunt Della has passed away, I hadn't seen her since 2012. She seemed to be in good spirits and health. She was in the good part of getting older and ws fine with it. You were a good woman,mom, and wife too. I'm glad you're in no more pain. R.I.P. Aunt Della we will miss you.



Virginia Williams - April 28, 2025 at 07:49 PM

BB

Sad to know Della passed away. She was a caregiver for my mother giving so much compassion and kindness.. She was so friendly when meeting her out & about. Our thoughts and prayers for her family.

Bill \$ Sandy Bowers - April 30, 2025 at 09:24 AM