



Betty Eileen Willa

January 14, 1944 - December 12, 2021

Betty Eileen Rufus Willa died on Sunday morning, December 12, 2021 at her home in Kirkwood, Missouri. Her husband, James L. Willa, was by her side as she departed to enter the gates of heaven.

Betty was born on January 14, 1944 in Witt, Illinois to William Rufus and Imogene Hutchins. She graduated from Witt High School and then worked at Illinois Bell until she moved to Santa Rosa, California to work for AT&T. Later after her marriage and raising her daughter she worked in the family business, Willa, Inc. a cooling tower company.

Betty was married to James L. Willa for fifty years. They had one child, Christina Dawn (Bill) Durkin of Nashville, Tennessee.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers James Rufus, Bill Rufus, Ronald Rufus, Dale Rufus, and Sonny Rufus as well as one sister, Shirley Rufus Toby.

She is survived by her husband James, her daughter Christina, one grandson, Rowan Durkin, five sisters all of Illinois: Ramona Corbin, Beverly Birzele, Sylvia Rufus, Connie Crowder, and Amber Peyton, and her step-children that were as dear to her as her own: James Stanley (Karen) Willa of Texas, Karen Ruth (Steve) Hurd of Wisconsin, and Sharon Elizabeth (the late Dave) Long of

Missouri.

Services: The family will be holding a private burial service with interment at the Bellerive Cemetery in Creve Coeur, MO. If desired, contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association. A service of the SCHRADER Funeral Home and Crematory. Friends may sign the family's on-line guestbook at Schrader.com.

Cemetery Details

Bellerive Gardens Cemetery

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