



Jessie R. Pittman

December 8, 1925 - May 5, 2018

Jessie R. Pittman, 92, of Bradley passed away on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at Watseka Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. She was born on December 8, 1925 in Harrisburg, IL, the daughter of David and Grace (Hamilton) Thompson.

Jessie married William "Bill" Pittman on December 18, 1947 in Harrisburg. He preceded her in death on January 31, 1998.

Jessie spent a very good 12 years at an assisted living center, where she became known as a social butterfly. She enjoyed music, singing and dancing, taking walks and she loved sweets.

Jessie and her late husband were members of River Valley Christian Fellowship.

She is survived by one son John Pittman of Kankakee; two daughters Glenda (Dr. Michael) Schuetz of Vero Beach, FL and Crystal (Patrick) Simmons of Bradley; two grandchildren Tina Zini of Brookfield, WI and Angel (Charlie) Barclay of Kankakee; three great-grandchildren Madison, Caleb and Emmersyn Barclay; and two nieces and one nephew.

Along with her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, two nieces, two nephews and her siblings.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2018 from 9am until the funeral service at 11am at River Valley Christian Fellowship. Burial will follow at Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kankakee, with Bagpipes played by Eric Wynn. Officiating will be Rev. Derick Miller, Rev. Charlie Barclay and Rev.

Sam Goebel. Memorials may be made to Watseka Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation for Jessie's three angels for companions, Robin Stewart (who spent six years with her), Maureen Huffman and Nicole Hendrickson; Vitas Hospice – Rusty, RN; all the wonderful people at Watseka Healthcare; and a very special thank you to Wally and Janet Rokus (who were later referred to as the “good people”), who shared in Jessie's 20-year journey with Dementia. They listened to all the ups and downs of her progressing disease. They also shared many happy times: they contacted a group of bagpipers to play at her assisted living facility and would invite her over for summer cookouts. Words cannot express the love and support given to Jessie.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

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

River Valley Christian Fellowship
800 Cardinal Drive
Bradley, IL 60915
(815) 933-7353

Funeral Service

MAY 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jessie R. Pittman*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Carolyn Blanchette lit a candle in memory of
Jessie R. Pittman*



Carolyn Blanchette - June 01, 2018 at 10:23 AM



“ *From a friend of Jessie at Butterfield. Jessie
was so proud of her Scottish heritage and she
was a very generous person. She has been
sadly missed.*
Marjorie Flint



Marjorie Flint - May 20, 2018 at 09:23 PM



“ *Jim And Barb Schuetz lit a candle in memory
of Jessie R. Pittman*



Jim and Barb Schuetz - May 11, 2018 at 08:01 AM

MS

“ *Condolences to Glenda and the Pittman Family. Wishing you comfort in a time of loss.*

Love, Michelle and Andy



Michelle Schuetz - May 09, 2018 at 10:28 AM

PB

“ *Crystal, I am so sorry to hear about your Mom. I do wish I would have known she was in Watseka. I live in Sheldon. I grew up with Crystal and Mrs. Pittman was like a second Mom to me. Both Mrs & Mr Pittman were always so good to me. Crystal, John, & Glenda again so sorry for your loss. Pam Bloomquist*

pam bloomquist - May 08, 2018 at 06:09 PM

MS

“ I am a volunteer musician at Riverside Healthcare and spent two hours a week at Butterfield-Westwood while Jessie was a resident. As everyone who knew her, I came to love her. She was an eternal optimist and loved music, especially singing all the songs her father had taught her when she "was a wee one" as she used to delight in regaling me with all the songs from the 20's, 30's, and 40's. She knew them all word for word. She was truly amazing. Two of her favorites was "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" and "The Sunny Side of the Street." I can assure you the Lord's heavenly choir will sound more beautiful and have more pep now that my dear friend Jessie is on board with them. You as her family, and we as her friends, were fortunate to know her and to share in her zest for life. She was indeed partial to scones and loved to remember making them, and more importantly eating them. May God hold her and all she loved in the palm of His hand!

*Merrill Seal
Bourbonnais*

Merrill Seal - May 08, 2018 at 04:03 PM

DL

“ Debbie Laslie lit a candle in memory of Jessie R. Pittman



Debbie Laslie - May 06, 2018 at 11:26 AM

DL

“ I worked at Butterfield Court and I was one of many that took care of Jesse. She was a great lady. I enjoyed talking to her many times. I liked the stories about her family she loved. I will always remember her. Rest In Peace Dear Lady.

Debbie Laslie - May 06, 2018 at 11:24 AM

CM

“ Sympathy to Crystal and the family.

Rest in peace Mrs. Pittman.

Cathie (Bergan) Miedema



Cathie Miedema - May 05, 2018 at 08:59 PM

AH

“ Jessie was my neighbor and friend and I spent my childhood with many precious memories growing up with her in my life. She wasn't just our neighbor but our family. I will always cherish Jessie and her family and the memories I hold in my heart. She will always be greatly loved and missed ❤️🙏



Angie Hasemeyer - May 05, 2018 at 01:36 PM