



## Betty C. Hartley

December 5, 1932 - October 5, 2025

Betty C. Hartley, 92, of Petersburg, Illinois, passed away on Sunday, October 5, 2025, at Sunny Acres Nursing Home in Petersburg. She was born December 5, 1932, in Greenview, Illinois, to Carl and Clara (nèe Schulz) Zessin. She married Arthur E. Hartley who preceded her in death.

Betty was a graduate of Greenview High School. She was the youngest of ten siblings. She was a member of St. Paul Evangelical Free Church in Petersburg. She owned and operated Hartley's Refinishing and loved to wallpaper and paint interiors of homes as well as refinish furniture. She liked to go camping and work on puzzles. Most of all she loved to spend time with her children and grandchildren.

Betty is survived by her daughters, Diana (husband Rick) Underwood, Patti (husband Skip) Kernebeck, Connie Gheen and Jeanie (husband Ron) Pettit; her son-in-law Garry Ethell; her grandchildren, Kurt, Ryan, Nathan, Natasha, Jennifer, Kyle, Kalab and Erin; her great grandchildren, Kylee, Klarc, Pete, Jack, Isaac, Archer, Luke, Sam, Connor, Hannah and Bentley; and several nieces and nephews.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband; her daughter Janet Ethell; her parents; all nine of her siblings; and son-in-law, Tom Gheen.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg. The funeral service will follow beginning at 12:00 pm with Pastor Mike Smoron officiating. Burial will follow the service at Elmwood Cemetery in Greenview, Illinois.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul Evangelical Free Church, 209 W. Douglas St, Petersburg, Illinois 62675, or Menard County Animal Control, 19376 Sunny Acres Rd, Petersburg, Illinois 62675.

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting Betty's family with arrangements. Please visit Betty's online obituary at [hurleyfh.com](http://hurleyfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Elmwood Cemetery

Greenview, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg  
122 West Douglas Avenue  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-2500  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Funeral Service

OCT **14**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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## Burial

OCT **14** (CT)

Elmwood Cemetery  
Greenview, IL



# Tribute Wall

JB

“ With heartfelt sympathy to Erin and family on the loss of your grandmother – SIUE Univ. Advancement

Julie Babington - October 13, 2025 at 11:20 AM

JB

“ Julie B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty C. Hartley.

Julie B. - October 13, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Betty C. Hartley.



October 13, 2025 at 11:18 AM

ME

“ Matt E. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Betty C. Hartley.



Matt E. - October 13, 2025 at 09:36 AM

ME

“ Matt E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty C. Hartley.

Matt E. - October 13, 2025 at 09:36 AM

TT

“ *the LRS Managed Services Team. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty C. Hartley.*

the LRS Managed Services Team. - October 13, 2025 at 09:32 AM

TT

“ *the LRS Managed Services Team. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Betty C. Hartley.*



the LRS Managed Services Team. - October 13, 2025 at 09:32 AM

TF

“ *Tom, Rhonda, Rita, David, Sara & Fam purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Betty C. Hartley.*



Tom, Rhonda, Rita, David, Sara & Fam - October 09, 2025 at 09:30 AM

JZ

“ *Sorry for your loss. Thinking of you.  
Brad and Jan Zeeck*

Jan Zeeck - October 08, 2025 at 12:34 PM

LH

“ *Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Betty Hartley*



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**Larry and Mary Hundt** - October 07, 2025 at 08:33 AM

CC

“ *We were so privileged to have known Betty all of our lives. She was so caring and loved to chat about old times. Sending the family condolences and comforting thoughts. Carla and Barry Clemens*

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**Carla and Barry Clemens** - October 07, 2025 at 02:14 AM

MT

*I am so sorry to hear about Betty. We talked on the phone many times. She even sent me an old picture we were talking about. Betty was family and will never be forgotten. Happy thoughts for her family.*

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**Maye Duncan Todd** - October 09, 2025 at 01:19 PM