



## Claretta C Bass

February 28, 1933 - July 11, 2022

Claretta “Rita” C. Bass, 89, of Bourbonnais, passed away in her home on Monday, July 11, 2022.

She was born on February 28, 1933 in Manteno to Carl P. and Edna Marie (Bettenhausen) Weber. On March 25, 1951, she married James L. Bass at Manteno Methodist Church. She was a stay at home mother and wife, whose baked goods earned her the title of “The Cake Lady.” She was a dedicated member of the Wesley United Methodist Women Church organization for over 66 years, a church trustee for a number of years, and even taught Sunday School. Claretta was a Cub and Boy Scout mother and leader for several years. She was also involved in 4H club in her youth, and enjoyed quilting and crafting for the entirety of her life.

Claretta is survived by her sons, Gene (Carolyn) Bass of Bourbonnais, and David (Jeri) Bass of Tolono; daughter-in-law, Debra Bass of Bourbonnais; grandchildren, Kate Bass-Dever, Luke (Jasmine) Bass, Mary Bass, Clay (Alyssa) Bass, Susanne (Peter) Bult, Justin (Natalie) Bass, Robbie (Leah) Yeates, Jamie (Alex) Hoffman, Nathan (Megan) Bass, Alison Bass, and Ashley Bass; great grandchildren, Bryant Yeates, Tanner Yeates, Marshall Bass, Cora Dever, Ruby Bass, Carter Bickers, Nora McDonald, Colton Billings, Emberly Johnson, Everett Bult, Asher Bass, Maeve Hoffman, and Cooper Bass; and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, James L. Bass; her parents, Edna and Carl Weber; sons and daughter-in-law, Joseph Bass and Mark (Marsha) Bass; siblings and in-laws, Carlyle (Louise) Weber and Barbra (Harold) Stuart.

Visitation will take place on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, from 1:00PM - 3:00PM at Wesley United Methodist Church in Bradley. A memorial service will follow immediately after visitation, beginning at 3:00PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Wesley United Methodist Church of Bradley, Uplifted Care of Bourbonnais, or to the wishes of the Bass family.

Jensen Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 20. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Wesley United Methodist Church  
Bradley, IL

## Service

JUL 20. 3:00 PM (CT)

Wesley United Methodist Church  
Bradley, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Claretta C Bass*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Going back 20 years + years, I also was a member of Wesley's Women's group. Rita was a faithful leader and more than that she was a helper. I enjoyed the visits we had whenever I came back to Bourbonnais. Our children were of similar ages making conversation roll. Rita certainly used her talent in baking and decorating in making each of our 3 daughters' wedding cakes. She was a faithful friend. My sympathy to the family.*

*Elaine Bussert  
Florida*

**Elaine Bussert** - July 15, 2022 at 12:05 PM



*I knew Aunt Rita before I married Brian, Rita's brother's son. I attended Wesley. She was a very sweet caring prayerful person. She made Brian's and my wedding cake. Brian said she never forgot a birthday and always sent encouragement cards. God has a very beautiful angel. We are going to miss u aunt Rita. Love and prayers to all the family. Joy and Brian Weber.*

**Joy And Brian Weber** - July 18, 2022 at 09:29 PM



“ *Rita was so kind and giving. She taught me the art of decorating cakes, never could I become the talent she was, but I was forever grateful for her kindness and patience. My deepest condolences to her wonderful family. Jan Coy*

**Janet E Coy** - July 13, 2022 at 11:14 AM