



Lilly "Bernadette" Burgess

October 22, 1930 - September 18, 2017

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Lilly Bernadette Burgess, age 86, went Home to be with Our Lord on September 18, 2017. Services will be officiated by Pastor Gerald Fair at Wood Family Funeral Service Chapel in Tehachapi, California, on October 2, 2017, at 12:30 p.m. Interment will follow the service, at Tehachapi Public Cemetery – Eastside.

Lilly was the daughter of Amanda and Lemuel DeVillez. She was one of ten children and the last to pass on. She grew up in Evansville, Indiana, where she worked as a bookkeeper and met her husband, Clarence Hilbert Burgess.

A few years after their marriage, and with their fourth child on the way, Lilly and Clarence (better known as Bernadette and Buck), moved across the country to Ontario, California. There, Buck found employment. They settled in a house and raised five children.

Needless to say, Bernadette's greatest life's work was to love and raise her five children with sacrificial devotion. In addition, she was a loving and nurturing "Grammy" to her eight grandchildren. She passed on to her family a wonderful legacy of faith.

Lilly completed some college, and as her children grew up, worked various jobs where she was greatly valued. She related to people in a kind and hospitable way. These talents were especially evident in her later career as a mediator for landlords and tenants for San Bernardino County.

After retirement, she moved to Hemet, California, where she celebrated the New Year 2000. There, Lilly formed new friendships and tended her flowers and fruit trees. She had a lovely patio where innumerable times family gathered to play games and visit, with a sweet dessert and coffee.

Lilly Bernadette Burgess is survived by four of her children, Beth, Kathy, Paul and Helen; and eight grandchildren, who have been greatly blessed to call her “Grammy” and “Mom.”

Arrangements were made with the assistance of Wood Family Funeral Service. For condolences please visit www.woodmortuary.net.

Cemetery

Tehachapi Public Cemetery – Eastside

820 Burnett Road
Tehachapi, CA, 93561

Events

OCT 2 **Funeral Service** 12:30PM

Wood Family Funeral Service Chapel
321 West F Street, Tehachapi, CA, US,
93561

Comments



“ So sorry to see tha Bernadette has passed on. I found this by googling and searching Facebook to find ANY of the family. It's been many MANY years since any of us have spoken. Would love to ind one of you. Sending you all love!! Cindy (Buttram) Dreshfield(Maybe Facebook??)

cindy buttram - July 28, 2018 at 10:27 PM



“ Wendy purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Lilly "Bernadette" Burgess.



Wendy - September 29, 2017 at 07:23 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Lilly "Bernadette" Burgess.



September 27, 2017 at 08:23 PM



“ I knew Bernadette all my life.I knew her husband Buck too(Uncle Buck,of all things)and remember clearly growing up and seeing them.They came back from California to visit many times back in Indiana.I live in Texas(34 yrs) now.My condolences go to my cousins,whom I have not seen since the 1960s.I would welcome meeting you some day.I will be 67 in a few weeks.The older you get is like fast forward.Lilly was a nice person to be around.I couldn't ask for a better aunt.So used to tell me she "really like your music".I tried to get her most of the CDs.With her passing,the sisters are all gone now.

Rest in peace Bernadette.We missed your Christmas card for the first time in many years last year.I thought something was wrong then.I am glad that is over now.We love you Bernadette.Don't forget that.The memories will never be erased.-
Jeff(Marina)DeVillez

Jeffry DeVillez - September 22, 2017 at 09:30 PM