



Betty Kimbrel

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Betty Jean Kimbrel, 68, died peacefully at 2:25 p.m., Thursday, October 24, 2013 at her home in Fieldon surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born in East St. Louis on December 7, 1944, one of four children born to the late Jessie James and Isabelle Marie (Burgess) Newberry.

She married Clifford "Cliff" Kimbrel and together the two shared many happy years together, raising their five children in New Athens before relocating to rural Fieldon, alongside the waters of the Macoupin Creek, nearly 20 years ago.

Betty treasured the time she spent with family and had a natural passion for caring for others that was evident not only in the love she displayed to her family, but also in that which carried through to her work as a CNA at Calhoun-Nursing & Rehabilitation Center where she employed for nine years before her health began to decline.

Surviving are her loving husband, Cliff of Fieldon; five children, Edward Kimbrel of Hardin; Dawn Korte of Wood River; Danny Kimbrel of Fieldon; Cora Kimbrel of Wood River; John Kimbrel of Fieldon; 10 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren and two more on the way; a brother, Jessie Newberry Jr. of New Athens; two sisters, Barbara Schultze and Carolyn Valentine both of Collinsville.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Cody Kimbrel on September 8, 2001; and a brother-in-law Erwin Schultze.

Per her request cremation rights have been accorded and no services are scheduled.

Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society in care of Crawford Funeral Home.

Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville is in charge of arrangements.