



## Elizabeth Joanne "Betty Jo" Stansfield

November 2, 1927 - April 20, 2021

Elizabeth Joanne "Betty Jo" Stansfield, 93, of Bloomfield, passed away on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. She passed peacefully, at home, with family and friends at her side.

Born November 2, 1927, in Canton Illinois, she was the daughter of Alvin and T. Elizabeth (Minton) Felts.

She had a long career as an elementary and junior high-school teacher; first in Stewardson Illinois where she was introduced to her future husband, then in northern Indiana until her son was born, and finally at Eastern-Greene Schools starting in 1965 until 1984. She and her husband traveled frequently in their retirement, including visits to Europe, New Zealand, Australia, and Tahiti. She maintained a busy schedule in recent years by volunteering in support of the local library and Read Across America. She was a member of Tri Kappa, Greene County Retired Teachers Association, and the Furnace Extension Homemakers Club. She was fascinated by antiquities, and loved visiting museums. An avid reader to the end, she devoured mystery and adventure novels.

Surviving relatives include: one son, Tod Stansfield and his wife, Patricia A. Burke of Elm Grove, Wisconsin.

Betty Jo was preceded in death by her husband, James Phillip Stansfield on April 20, 2000, and her parents.

Public visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday at the Jenkins funeral home in Bloomfield. A private committal service and interment will follow in Lawrenceville City Cemetery in Lawrenceville, Illinois.

The family asks that all memorial contributions be made to Tri Kappa, Read Across America, or any Local 4H Club.

Online condolences to the family are available at [www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lawrenceville City Cemetery

300 18th Street  
Lawrenceville, IL 62439

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 27. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JH

“ I was a teacher with Mrs. Stansfield (along with Eugene Pound ) in the late 70's and early 80's in the Eastern Greene County School System. We attempted "to teach" the sixth graders. Mrs. Stansfield was a great lady, and such a pleasure to work with. May God comfort and bless the family, especially at this time of loss! -- Jerry L. Hudson

Jerry L. Hudson - April 27, 2021 at 02:54 PM



“ Pam Farmer lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Joanne "Betty Jo" Stansfield



Pam Farmer - April 24, 2021 at 08:48 PM

AA

“ I remember what a wonderful lady your mom was. Truly special!  
Ann Workman Armstrong

Ann Armstrong - April 24, 2021 at 08:06 AM

JU

“ Betty Jo may have been the nicest lady i have known. She always had a smile on her face.

Jonas Uland - April 23, 2021 at 09:09 AM

RR

“ I was very lucky to have had Mrs. Stansfield as my third grade teacher at Eastern. I remember her as being very kind. She was an excellent teacher and made learning fun and interesting. I really enjoyed my whole year with her. My Mother saw her a few years ago, and Mrs. Stansfield asked about me. I was amazed that she would even remember me after having so many students through the years. I'm sure there will be a special place for her in heaven. My condolences to the family. Robin Hirth Reed

Robin Hirth Reed - April 22, 2021 at 11:52 PM

PC

“ I will always remember her as “Mrs. Stansfield.” She was my third grade teacher, in the 1967-1968 school year at Eastern Elementary School. She was truly special. She loved learning, and she taught us to love learning as well. Mrs. Stansfield was a true educator, and I will always be grateful to her for all she shared with me. May God be with her family in this time. —Paul Casner

Paul Casner - April 22, 2021 at 09:02 PM

MB

“ Betty Jo will long be remembered by Extension Homemakers. She was a very sweet and caring person.



Martha Bowers - April 22, 2021 at 05:16 PM

RA

“ Tod,

*I am sorry for your loss. Your mother was always nice to me and always concerned.*

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**Roger Axe** - April 22, 2021 at 04:17 PM

KB

“ *Mrs. Stansfield was my Third grade teacher in the 60's. A beautiful and encouraging soul. Thank you for your caring heart! Kathy Britton.*

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**kathy britton** - April 22, 2021 at 03:17 PM

BG

“ *Third grade was a monumental year in my life and at the center of that school year was Mrs. Stansfield! She was a kind, supportive, nurturing teacher who truly cared about her students! My family had just moved to Greene County in 1968, the summer before my third grade school year. In Mrs. Stansfield's class, I developed a love for learning and became a lifelong reader. Mrs. Stansfield encouraged a classroom atmosphere of tolerance and acceptance among students, so it's not surprising that many of the friendships I formed in third grade are still in my life today...53 years later. What a blessing Mrs. Stansfield was to so many children and their families! She will always be remembered and have a special place in my heart!!!*

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**Brenda (Hoffman) Galyan** - April 22, 2021 at 03:16 PM

JH

“ I knew Betty Jo through church & Tri Kappa. She allowed me to drive her to meetings and I really enjoyed that time chatting with her. She was so interesting & I especially loved to hear about her travels. She enjoyed volunteering and we worked many booths and hosted meetings together. Betty Jo was such a gentle, kind soul...I am really going to miss her. Sending thoughts & prayers to you, Todd & Pat.

Janene Hanauer - April 22, 2021 at 01:53 PM

PB

“ I had the honor of being a try Kappa sister to Miss Betty Jo! We shared many memories and lots of laughs over the years! She was always a very attentive, sweet, caring quiet woman with a massive heart full of love for others! You will be very missed Miss Betty!  
Peggy Blakley

peggy Blakley - April 22, 2021 at 01:49 PM

MR

“ Tod & Pat  
So sorry for your loss! Betty was my neighbor for years, just 2 houses away. Many memories there; putting hay in the barn, fence repairs, watching the horses, mowing the lawn. They answered questions I had about 4-H projects. As I grew older and had a family of my own, every October Betty would call and ask mom when I was bringing kids for Halloween. She always wanted to have fresh baked cookies for them. What a treat! She was kind and caring, but boy was she ever stubborn! Probably why she was so independent and lived to be so old. Many fond memories. Keeping you in thought and prayer during this difficult time.



Marcia Ranard-Perry - April 22, 2021 at 11:54 AM

RB

“ Mrs Stansfield was my third grade teacher in 1973. She instilled my love for reading that has served me well throughout my life. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I'm sure this sweet lady will leave a void in your hearts. God bless. Raymond Baker. EGH 1982.

Raymond Baker - April 22, 2021 at 11:49 AM

KW

“ What an inspiration and wonderful teacher Mrs. Stansfield was!!! I was blessed to be her student. I remember being loved and cared for as she taught. Mrs. Stansfield is one of the teachers that helped me decide to follow in her footsteps and teach at Eastern Greene.

May you be comforted with fond memories during this time.

Karen White

Karen White - April 22, 2021 at 11:45 AM

BM

“ I was in Tri Kappa with Betty Jo, she was always willing to help with any of our projects & was always cheerful.. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. Sympathy to her son & family.

Barbara Mensch - April 22, 2021 at 11:30 AM

PC

“ Purdue Extension Greene County lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Joanne "Betty Jo" Stansfield



Purdue Extension Greene County - April 22, 2021 at 10:47 AM

YD

“ Involved with her in Homemakers groups. She was such a lovely, thoughtful lady. She will be missed.

Yvette Dean

Yvette Dean - April 22, 2021 at 10:01 AM

SH

“ I was in Tri Kappa with Betty Jo and she was an inspiration to all. She was such an active and vibrant person. It was a great privilege to know her. You have my deepest condolences.

Sherry Hixon

Sherry Hixon - April 22, 2021 at 09:56 AM



SC

“ This is Sara cohen. I had the privilege to know Betty jo through Tri Kap pa and light house lunchbox. I also use to go to church and go eat at the hospital with her and Louise Haywood. She was one of my favorite ladies to know. She will be missed. 🥺

Sherry cohen - April 22, 2021 at 09:20 AM



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Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - April 22, 2021 at 09:01 AM

CK

*I had the pleasure to meet Betty at church. She was a very sweet lady will be sadly missed*

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**Cheryl klass** - April 22, 2021 at 11:26 AM

RH

*Tod, So sorry to learn of your mother's passing. She was such a sweet lady and I always enjoyed seeing her at Bloomfield United Methodist. She will be missed by everyone there.*

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**Rita Holtsclaw** - April 22, 2021 at 01:47 PM