



Beatrice "Bea" Jane French

September 7, 1929 - October 22, 2023

Beatrice "Bea" French, age 94, of Moravia, IA, peacefully went home on October 22, 2023, at Monroe Care Center in Albia, IA.

Bea was born on September 7, 1929, in Davis County, Iowa to Loyd and Lelia (Walker) Southern. She graduated from Moulton High School with the class of 1947. On June 1, 1947, she was united in marriage to William French. Bea and William farmed in Keota, Bloomfield and Moravia. In January of 1988, they sold the farm and moved to Olney, Oregon where they owned and operated Olney General Store. While there, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends. In 2003, they moved back to Moravia, Iowa.

Bea was an active member of Moravia Methodist Church, Order of Eastern Star, and a 4-H Club Leader. She and Bill enjoyed the seed corn yearly trips. She also worked for many years with the county fair activities for kids.

Bea is survived by 2 daughters, Majorie Williams and Martha (Darrell) Walsh; 2 sons, Michael (Sally) French and Mark (Debra) French; 8 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; 9 great-great grandchildren; and a brother, Jim (Betty) Southern.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Loyd and Lelia; 4 brothers; 2 sisters;

a great grandson, Eddie Richardson and a son-in-law, Billy Williams.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 27, 2023, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Bea's family present greet family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, October 28, 2023, at Grace United Methodist Church in Moravia, with Pastor Shawn LaRue officiating. A private family burial will be held at Sunset View Cemetery in Moulton, Iowa.

A memorial has been established to the Moravia First Responders.

Cemetery Details

Sunset View Cemetery

Moulton, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **27**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Celebration of Life

OCT **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace United Methodist Church
101 East North Street
moravia, IA 52571

Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Beatrice "Bea" Jane French.*



October 25, 2023 at 08:22 AM



“ *RIP Aunt Bea. I'm going to miss your orneriness and smile. Tell Uncle Bill hi. Love ❤️ you*

Rick Singley - October 24, 2023 at 01:30 PM



“ *Just a WONDERFUL HUMAN BEING! Our condolences to all of her family, may she Rest in Peace!!!*

JERRY POWER - October 24, 2023 at 08:46 AM