



## Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Blatt

April 2, 1922 - March 21, 2015

Age 92, of Elwood, IL passed away Saturday, March 21, 2015 at Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox, IL. Born April 2, 1922 in Peotone, IL to the late Godfrey and Eleanor Arnstrom.

She grew up on the farm in Peotone and then graduated from Joliet Township High School. After graduation she married Lt. Fred H. Blatt, Jr. of Symerton (USAAF). During World War II, Fred went to China as the replacement fighter pilot with Gen. Chenmult's Flying Tigers. She waited on the farm until 1943 when he returned and they moved to Elwood to raise a family. They ran the local grocery store and after that closed she worked as a secretary at Laraway Grade School, retiring in 1966. Her husband was on the fire department and was employed at the Joliet Arsenal, was the rural mail carrier, and soon became the Postmaster in Elwood. Betty was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Wilmington, IL.

Surviving are one son, Pete and wife, Liz Blatt of Elwood; two grandchildren, Kristi and James Campbell of Las Vegas, NV; one sister, Ruth (the late Ray) Smith of Wilmington; son-in-law, George Zdravovich of Shorewood, IL; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death were her husband, Fred H. Blatt, Jr. in 1983; one daughter, Cheryl; three brothers, Paul, Eugene, and Tom Arnstrom; and one sister, Margaret Peterson.

Family and friends will meet at the United Methodist Church in Wilmington, Thursday, March 26, 2015 for funeral services at 11:00 a.m. Interment Mapel Hill Cemetery in Elwood. Visitation will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral

Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, Braidwood Chapel, Wednesday, March 25, from 4-7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, a small donation to support her beloved cat after adoption would be appreciated.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

Elwood, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 25.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
401 East Main St.  
Braidwood, IL 60408  
(815) 458-2336  
info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

## Service

**MAR 26.** 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church-Wilmington  
401 East Kahler Road  
Wilmington, IL 60481

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Dear Peter and Family,  
I worked at the Wilmington Library for 21 yeas and Betty was one of my favorite patrons. She not only loved to read and would pick out great books ; she always had such a beautiful smile and would share with me great words of kindness as she checked out her books. I was honored to consider her my friend. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family and your Aunt Ruth.  
Joanne Fitzpatrick from Wilmington

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**Joanne Fitzpatrick** - March 28, 2015 at 10:02 AM

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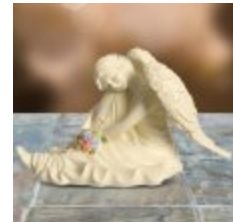


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**Diane Jones Oestreich** - March 25, 2015 at 05:48 PM

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“ Conrad and Bevy Stanley purchased the Platinu  
m - Serene Angel for the family of Elizabeth  
"Betty" Ann Blatt.



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**Conrad and Bevy Stanley** - March 24, 2015 at 08:31 PM

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“ The many ,many times Godmother (as we fondly adopter her) and her friend Frank would go "flower watching" to horticultural events, nurseries, my Alma-mater 'Olivet', etc. With any luck at all we would then all share a box of hand-picked Fannie May candy, each of us having had a turn at the selection.- If the powers that be would have just consulted us after our lively discussions, many of our nations issues would've been solved. I'm sure I'll see Betty again, probably at Jesus' feet watching a robin. Con and Bevy

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**Conrad Stanley** - March 24, 2015 at 07:51 PM

PA

“ Paul, Tom & Mollie Petersen & Martha Adams purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Blatt.



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**Paul, Tom & Mollie Petersen & Martha Adams** - March 24, 2015 at 01:32 PM