



## Berneice L. Brackett

August 30, 1923 - March 17, 2019

Berneice Laraine Brackett, daughter of Pryor Harrison and Anna Belle (Waller) Prewett, was born August 30, 1923 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Berneice was united in marriage to Milford Lee Brackett, on April 7, 1940. They shared over 73 wonderful years together and were blessed with two precious daughters, before his passing on December 9, 2013.

In the forties, Berneice worked in the munitions plant in St. Louis during World War II and volunteered for the Red Cross. After moving back into the small community of Richland, Berneice began her secretarial career for Richland R-IV School as the secretary for several years. Berneice enjoyed her job, and especially loved the children she'd see daily. She went on to work at the Toledo Goldfish Company as Harold Aspen's secretary.

At an early age, Berneice made a profession of faith and followed in baptism. She loved her Lord with all her heart, as well as, her beloved church family. Berneice played the piano, she taught Sunday School and Bible School, and loved teaching the children about Jesus; Berneice even worked with them to perform in the annual Eureka Baptist Church Christmas pageant.

In her spare time, Berneice enjoyed playing her piano, spending time with her friends at the garden club, they took pride in maintaining Richland's flower

beds. Berneice enjoyed being outside in her own yard tending to her many flower gardens. In the sixties, Berneice also served on the Richland Sr. Housing Board from its inception; she went on to serve on the Missouri Easter Seals Board of Directors, a Richland School Board member, BPW Club, and the Garden Club Director in 1981.

Berneice went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, March 17, 2019 in her home. All those who had the pleasure of knowing her will cherish the many wonderful memories made with her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband, Milford, their precious daughter, Carolyn Anne Brackett, and one brother, Pryor Ray Prewett.

Berneice leaves to cherish her memory, her loving daughter: Julia Anne Alexander, and husband Robert of Cocoa Beach, FL; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A very special thank you, goes out to, Compassus Hospice, and Berneice's "special care angels," Sandy Kelley, Gail (Bench) Knight, Delores Cochran, Susan Ogle, Katy Lane, and numerous other wonderful folks who have been at Berneice's side for the past several years.

Berneice brought a lot of love and joy to so many during her time on this earth... and now we can celebrate her life, a life well lived as we're comforted in knowing she is home with her Lord!

Graveside services were held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, March 22, 2019 in the Oaklawn Cemetery with Johnny Ray Prewett officiating. Berneice's favorite song, "Amazing Grace" was sang by those in attendance. Family and friends served as escorts.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Berneice L. Brackett to Lottie Moon Offering and may be left at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## **Oaklawn Cemetery**

Richland, MO 65556

# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Berneice L. Brackett*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - March 22, 2019 at 10:38 AM

JU

*Thank you to my Mom for everything she did in her life for her family, church, myself, friends and strangers and above all for the Lord. Thank you to everyone for your kind words, thoughts and prayers throughout the years. What a joyous day it was when she joined her heavenly family once again never to know pain or sorrow again. Love Always, Julia Anne.*

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**Julia** - April 20, 2019 at 04:55 PM



“ *Berneice L. Brackett*

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**January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM**

DP

“ *David Pemberton lit a candle in memory of Berneice L. Brackett*



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**David Pemberton** - March 24, 2019 at 08:21 AM



“ 55 files added to the album Life Tributes

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.  
He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Although I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,  
For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - March 22, 2019 at 08:23 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. I remember Berneice playing the piano at church and her and her husband would come to the School House Sub for ice cream cones in the evening. Very nice to visit with them. Prayers for comfort.  
Carol & Jerry Gideon



Carol - March 21, 2019 at 11:46 AM



“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Berneice L. Brackett



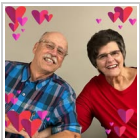
Pulaski County Camp Gideons - March 20, 2019 at 01:26 PM

GK

“ *Berniece was one classy lady,I had the privilege of being her and Milford's caretaker for years. I'll bet Carolyn Ann Berniece, and Milford are having a great reunion. Berniece can trade her fancy hat for a well earned halo. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her Oh how she loved the beach. Now you can shine your light all over heaven. Til we meet again precious lady. Gail Peppers Knight*

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**Gail Peppers Knight** - March 20, 2019 at 02:24 AM



“ *Berneice Brackett was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever known. She always had a sweet smile and a kind word for everyone she saw. We were in Pulaski County Area Retired School Personnel together many years ago, before her health failed. I am praying for Julia and all the extended family in the days ahead. My...what a sweet reunion is going on in Heaven right now. Her sweet husband, her friends, and other relatives. Thinking of each of you!*

*Martin and Georgia White*

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**Georgia White** - March 19, 2019 at 11:37 PM

SW

“ *Shirley Wright lit a candle in memory of Berneice L. Brackett*



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**Shirley Wright** - March 19, 2019 at 10:20 PM

RH

“ *Robin Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Berneice L. Brackett*



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**Robin Hobbs** - March 19, 2019 at 01:11 PM

MH

“ *Julia, My thoughts and prayers are with you. Many memories of your mom and dad through my childhood. My parents frequently went out for sodas and dessert after ballgames with them . You and I tagged along. Bless you. Marta*

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**Marta Halter** - March 19, 2019 at 11:18 AM

DH

“ *So sorry for your lost Julie. I remember staying at your house once or twice when we were younger and your mom was so nice. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Debbie Blanchard Hicks.*

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**Debbie Blanchard Hicks** - March 19, 2019 at 06:33 AM

JP

“ I remember seeing Berneice for the first time when she brought cookies to our 3rd grade Christmas party. I thought she was the most beautiful woman I had ever seen and how she made me think of Jackie Kennedy with her perfect long hair worn in an updo and this wonderful grey wool cape that she wore like a queen. She was what I now think of as a perfect Southern lady always warm and kind, always knowing the appropriate dress, manners and words for any and all life's interruptions. She was the epitome of class and comfortable with everyone she met and they would not be a stranger for long.

I loved her because she was my best friend's Mom and she would make me feel special by buying pj's to match Julie's so we could wear them at our sleepover. I still have the stuffed lion that she bought for Julie to give me for my eighth birthday. I had wanted it so much and she listened when Julie told her how badly I wanted the soft fuzzy toy.

She is now on Milford's arm as lovely as ever with little Carolyn between them. She is catching up with all her friends and family that have gone before her while she holds in her lap and pets the special cats that have been waiting for her at Rainbow Bridge.

Thank you so much Berneice for you are still making me feel special because your love and heart lives on in Julie.

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**Joann Pemberton** - March 19, 2019 at 12:01 AM

CL

“ Cecilia Luna lit a candle in memory of Berneice L. Brackett



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**Cecilia Luna** - March 18, 2019 at 07:31 PM

SK

“ *Julia, your Mom was an elegant, beautiful lady that San and I had the privilege of knowing her. We are so sorry, Julia...it was fabulous to see you at our reunion. You are in our thoughts. We Love You Always. ❤️*



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**Sharon R. Howlett-Carr and Sandra K.Howl** - March 18, 2019 at 07:20 PM