



Dolly Arlene Sledge

March 14, 1933 - June 9, 2020

Dolly Arlene Sledge, 87, of Mt. Vernon, passed away at 2:53 pm, Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at her home.

She was born March 14, 1933, in Mt. Vernon, the daughter of David Henry and Lillie Ethel (Sims) Benard. On May 11, 1952, at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, she married Bob Sledge, and he preceded her in death on July 22, 2014.

Mrs. Sledge was an active member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, and prior to her retirement, was a caseworker for Mt. Vernon Township General Assistance. She attended school in Mt. Vernon and Chicago, and graduated from Mt. Vernon Township High School. She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, family and friends. She also enjoyed camping and traveling by motor home, and seeing the country.

She is survived by three children, Cheryl Harrison and husband Ronnie of Mt. Vernon, Brad Sledge of Mt. Vernon, and Kay Hall and husband Tom of Texico; Seven grandchildren, Gabe Harrison and wife Keri, Luke Harrison and wife Sarah, Chelsea Heck and husband Ricky, Amy Sledge and partner Chad, Bobby Sledge and wife Courtney of Fort Hood, Texas, Adam Hall and partner Lindsay, and Amber Hall and partner Kody; Eighteen great-grandchildren, Anni, Roman, Tristan, and Savannah Harrison, Quincy and Bo Heck, Wyatt and Lilith Bell, Tawneley, Easton, and Kash Hall, Alexis, Jaiden, and Ryker Kania, Rowan Sledge, and Waylon, Waverly, and Willa Withrow; one brother, Clarence Benard of Benton; two sisters-in-law, Mary Benard of Chicago and

Betty Sledge of Texico; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Bob Sledge, she was preceded in death by her parents, David and Lillie Benard; eight brothers; six sisters; and several nieces and nephews.

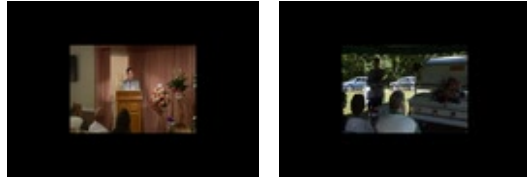
A private family service for Mrs. Sledge will be held on Saturday, with burial to follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to SSM Hospice, Shriner's Hospital, or the American Diabetes Association, and will be accepted by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the Osborn Funeral Home Facebook page.

Tribute Wall



“ 2 files added to the album *Funeral Services*



Osborn Funeral Home - June 15, 2020 at 10:19 AM

LS

“ Cheryl,
Just read about your Mother. Makes my heart sad. I'm thinking and Praying for you at this difficult time. Peace and Solace be with you.
Leslie j Smith

Leslie j Smith - June 13, 2020 at 03:13 PM

PS

“ Dear Family,

I'm so sorry to hear of Aunt Dolly's passing. She was such a kind lady and very giving. I remember the phone calls she and my sisters had with her. I loved her laugh and all those stories of growing up on the farm. Part of my heart will always be a little empty, but the rest is full of the joy she is experiencing now and forevermore in the loving arms of Jesus. Our prayer is for God to watch over you and all of your families till one day we are all reunited.

Paulette Cook, Beverly Romero, Patricia Scealf

Pat Scealf - June 12, 2020 at 09:38 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Dolly Arlene Sledge.



June 12, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ Pat S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Dolly Arlene Sledge.



Pat S. - June 12, 2020 at 09:33 AM



“ Vicky E. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Dolly Arlene Sledge.



Vicky E. - June 11, 2020 at 08:21 AM



“ *First of all, I send you all my love.*



One of my fondest memories of Aunt Dolly was from my childhood. She and Uncle Bob drove up for a visit to the Eshelman's (Garland and Phyllis) for a family gathering while great-grandma Zelma was still living. The group of kids (of which I was a part) decided to all draw pictures and then go around to family members and get as many "autographs" on them as we could. I proudly presented my perfectly drawn picture of an ice cream cone (complete with a cherry on top) on faded, green construction paper to Aunt Dolly and asked her for an autograph. She looked at me and then the picture. Then I witnessed one of the warmest smiles and kindest laughs I have ever heard in my life thus far. Her face was filled with pure joy as she penned her name in beautiful handwriting complete with a smiley face.

It is incredible how one moment can have such an impact on a person.

To this day, I remember how "cool" I felt that my silly drawing made her feel so special. That moment has always given me hope. Even on my darkest days, it reminds me to be grateful for the smallest joys. It reminds me to try to spread that joy to others. It reminds me to keep letting my light shine.

I love you all, and I grieve with you from afar. I also rejoice that she is Home!

Lorien Stair-Spicer - June 10, 2020 at 11:39 PM

MC

My Aunt Dolly was the most precious aunt I have ever known. I always felt her love. She always made you feel at home, fed you, played the piano or organ for you, and provided you with a warm bed if you needed it. She was a devout christian lady. Everyone loved her at Pleasant Hill. She and Bob had a wonderful marriage and a loving family. I am so happy Bob and Dolly are together again. I pray for comfort for all our family. We have so many precious memories because of Aunt Dolly and Uncle Bob.

Myra Clary - June 14, 2020 at 02:09 AM

JM

“ *Dolly will be missed. Janice McCracken and Pam Weems and family send our condolences. She was a kind lady.*



Janice McCracken - June 10, 2020 at 08:03 PM

JC

“ *So sorry to hear of her passing. My dad, Redus Spangler met Bob in the service and both families were friends then on. My mom will miss Dolly.*

Janette Cates - June 10, 2020 at 07:47 PM



“ *We are sorry and will miss Dolly so much. However, I know where she is now, and she doesn't have any worries or pains. She is celebrating and worshiping with our Lord. We will see her again someday. May the Lord be with her loved ones, which are many, and help them in all the ways they need. Love, prayers, and hugs, Scott and Paula Graham*

Paula Graham - June 10, 2020 at 06:44 PM

DE

My loving and sweet aunt is now joyfully reunited with her loving partner Bob, her mom, dad, brothers, sisters, relatives and throngs of friends with Our Lord.

Did we want more time with her? Absolutely but her journey here made her so ready for what God has in store. Thank you aunt Dolly for loving us all unconditionally and bringing so much hope and light into our lives these many years.

Dennis J. Enard - June 11, 2020 at 10:31 AM

DB

Dennis J. Benard

Dennis J. Benard - June 11, 2020 at 10:32 AM

WB

“ *We are truly sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. We extend our deepest sympathies to Cheryl, Brad, Kay and your family. Aunt Dolly will always be remembered for her kindness and generosity. May our condolences bring you comfort and may our prayers ease the pain of your loss.*

Wayne and Barbara Benard

Wayne Benard - June 10, 2020 at 05:52 PM

DJ

“ *Dolly was a pleasant smiling face at VBS and on Sunday. She was a great story teller. I will miss her greatly So so sorry for the family. She was a wonderful lady* 🥹🥹🥹



david kimpei jr - June 10, 2020 at 03:37 PM

RS

“ So sorry to hear about Miss Dolly's passing. I so enjoyed her and Bob stopping in to visit when we were working at the store and their smiles! My heart hurts for you all but may you feel God's comfort as only he can give at such a loss. Extra hugs to you Cheryl and Kay. Love you guys.

Renee & Ken Sisk, Kara (Sisk) Palmer

Renee Sisk - June 10, 2020 at 12:36 PM

SD

Dear Cheryl, Brad and Kay, We are so sorry to hear your Mother passed away. She was such a lovely Christian and a wonderful Aunt. We enjoyed our weekends we spent with her the past few years and will cherish the time we spent with her and you. Our deepest condolences to you and your families. Sending hugs and love, Sharon and Rich DeLuca

Sharon DeLuca - June 10, 2020 at 07:14 PM

VS

She leaves a huge hole in our family. Matthew received his first haircut from Aunt Dolly. But we know she had tGod and a wonderful husband waiting for her. So glad I got to see her on Monday. I told David she said Hi. Prayers to all of you 🙏 Love David & Vicki Sledge

vicki david sledge - June 10, 2020 at 07:48 PM

VE

I will sure miss Aunt Dolly! She was one of the kindest, sweetest people I know. And a peacemaker, too. Prayers and hugs to all her family!

Vicky Evans - June 11, 2020 at 08:08 AM

TP

Cheryl, Kay, Brad and family, I am so sorry for your loss and will keep your family in my prayers. Hugs and love to you all.

Tammy Pierce - June 11, 2020 at 07:19 PM