



## Lillie Florence Arnett

August 28, 1928 - September 26, 2023

Lillie Florence Arnett, 95, of Texico, passed away at 9:35 p.m., Tuesday, September 26, 2023, in Mt. Vernon.

She was born August 28, 1928, in Jefferson County, Illinois, the twelfth of thirteen children, to Alva Jake and Bessie (Whitson) Beal. On July 20, 1946, in Mt. Vernon, in a ceremony officiated by Rev. M. L. Baker, she married Harry Edward Arnett, and he preceded her in death on October 1, 2005.

Lillie was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, and was a 2009 Jefferson County Senior Saint. She worked as a cook for Field School, as well as working at Austin's Restaurant, and Hawkins Orchard. She also ran the cook shack for King City Saddle Club for years, for Dixico Ruritan Club. She donated blood, faithfully, for many years.

Lillie is survived by three daughters, Peggy Arnett of Kirkwood, Missouri, Barbara Arnett of Martin, Tennessee, and Connie Simmons and husband Jerry of Dix; two sons, Jack Arnett and wife Donna of Bluford, and Bobby Arnett and special friend Linda Robinson of Mt. Vernon; grandchildren, Jean Ann Little of Dresden, Tennessee, Duane Elliston and wife Teresa of Brookport, Illinois, Regina Draper and husband Mike of Geff, Illinois, Justin Coffman of Martin, Tennessee, Dustin Arnett and special friend Ashley Dyan of Belleville, Illinois, Josh Simmons of Texico, Jared Simmons and wife Michelle of Columbia, Illinois, Cory Arnett and wife Katie of Fenton, Missouri, Jessie Arnett of Mt. Vernon, and Jake David Arnett and wife Jessie Noel of Mt. Vernon; great-grandchildren, Skyler, Hagen, and Lily Little of Dresden,

Tennessee, Joseph McClain and special friend Jade, Ashley Azbell, and Addi Elliston of Brookport, Illinois, Klayton Draper and special friend Sarah Hulbert of Springfield, Missouri, Kloe Draper of Geff, Illinois, D.J., Pamela, and Drake Coffman of Martin, Tennessee, Taylor Arnett of Belleville, Alex Simmons of Texico, Mia Simmons and fiancée Tim Wilt, Jr. of Mt. Vernon, Ben and Eli Simmons of Columbia, Illinois, Ayda and Estes Arnett of Fenton, Missouri, Kasen Arnett of Mt. Vernon, and Ellie Arnett of Mt. Vernon; great-great-granddaughter, Elodie Wilt of Mt. Vernon; special niece, Judy VonBurg and husband Steve of Dix; and daughter-in-law, Susan Arnett of Mt. Vernon. In addition to her husband, Harry Arnett, she was preceded in death by her son, Jake Arnett; great-grandchildren, Draper triplets; nine brothers, Othello, John, Robert, Oscar, George, Mort, Buck, Fred, and Jim Beal; three sisters, Isabelle Champ, Maude Chandler, and Bessie Elliott; her brothers-and-sisters-in-law; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mrs. Arnett will be held at 12:00 p.m., Friday, September 29, 2023, at Osborn Funeral Home in Dix, with Don Rector officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be held 10:00 a.m. to noon, Friday, September 29, 2023, at the funeral home. Memorial gifts may be made to HOOAH Deer Hunt for Heroes, Pleasant Hill Cemetery, or the American Cancer Society, and will be accepted at the service, or by mail to Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at [www.osbornfuneral.com](http://www.osbornfuneral.com), or on the Osborn Funeral Home Facebook page.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **29**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Osborn Funeral Home  
322 North Main Street  
Dix, IL 62830  
(618) 266-7231  
office@osbornfuneral.com  
<https://www.osbornfuneral.com>

## Funeral Service

SEP **29**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I have the best memories of Aunt Lillie. In my mind, I can see myself walking through the back door and the screened porch, into the kitchen. She would be there smiling her smile! I ALWAYS wanted to visit her and that never changed no matter how old I got. She was such a kind, warm person.

*Time with Aunt Lillie always held a bit of magic for me. My heart will always smile when I think of her.*

*I send this with my deepest sympathy. She was so very special to so many. She was well loved and will be missed.*

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**Vonda Jennings Rentz** - September 29, 2023 at 01:07 PM

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“ From the Family of Bob Beal planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lillie Florence Arnett.

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**From the Family of Bob Beal** - September 28, 2023 at 08:03 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lillie Florence Arnett.



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September 28, 2023 at 03:37 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Lillie Florence Arnett.



September 28, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lillie Florence Arnett.

September 28, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lillie Florence Arnett.



September 28, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lillie Florence Arnett.

September 28, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lillie Florence Arnett.



September 28, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lillie Florence Arnett.

September 28, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Lillie Florence Arnett.



September 28, 2023 at 08:47 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Aunt Lillie’s passing. She was such a jewel! She will be so missed! Thoughts and Prayers for the family! 🙏💔😇

**Peggy Myers Beal** - September 28, 2023 at 01:57 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lillie Florence Arnett.



September 27, 2023 at 11:04 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lillie Florence Arnett.*



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September 27, 2023 at 07:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lillie Florence Arnett.

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September 27, 2023 at 07:13 PM



“ *I first met Aunt Lillie when her nephew took me to her house. I was 16 years old. She treated me as one of the family from the first. Her nephew became my husband and we spent many happy hours visiting her and Uncle Harry over the years. She was always busy but never too busy to visit. I know she has lived a life embedded in her community. When she lost Uncle Harry I saw how she managed to go on without him and in watching learned how to go on when my husband passed. She has been an inspiration from that first meeting so long ago.*

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**Carol Jennings** - September 27, 2023 at 02:58 PM