



Betty Gallaher

April 19, 1937 - May 18, 2026

Margaret Elizabeth "Betty" Gallaher, formerly of Belleview, MO, entered Heaven on Monday, May 18, 2026, at the age of 89 years and 29 days. She was born April 19, 1937, in Caledonia, MO, a daughter of the late John Hill Russell and Margaret May (Campbell).

On December 28, 1957, Betty was united in marriage to Sammie Clay Gallaher who preceded her in rest on February 13, 2022. To this union six children were born, Rick (Charlotte) Gallaher, John (Loretta) Gallaher, Susan (Denise Bracht) Gallaher, Bill (Colleen) Gallaher, Randy (Karen) Gallaher, Charles (Melissa) Gallaher.

Surviving Betty are five children, Rick, Susan, Bill, Randy, and Charles; many loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and a host of loving nephews, nieces, family members and friends.

She is preceded in rest by her parents, her husband Sam, a son John Gallaher, two brothers John and George Russell, and a sister Mary Cunningham.

Betty worked 25 years for the Arcadia Valley Hospital in the Dietary department, and also worked for the Baptist Home and in a shirt factory. She was a beautiful and talented piano player, sharing her talents with many different churches, she loved being a grandmother and great-grandmother, and loved spending time with her family as much as possible. She was a member of the Cedar Grove Methodist Church, and followed God all of her life.

Betty Gallaher was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grand and great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She will be missed by all who were blessed to know and love her.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, May 22, 2026, beginning at 1:00 pm from the Cole Family Funeral Home.

A Visitation for friends and family to gather will be held on Friday, May 22, 2026, beginning at 11:00 am and lasting until 1:00 pm from the Cole Family Funeral Home.

Interment will follow the services in the Caledonia Methodist Church.

Rev. Don Akers will be officiating the services.

Memorials may be made to the Baptist Home in Betty's honor.

Cemetery Details

Caledonia Methodist Cemetery

Caledonia, MO 63631

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Cole Family Funeral Home
210 E Reynolds St
Ironton, MO 63650
(573) 546-0742

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Gallaher.* ”



May 24 at 09:33 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Betty Gallaher. ”

May 24 at 09:33 AM



“ *Very sorry for the loss of a great lady. My love goes out to all the Gallaher family in your time of sorrow and always. Very fond memories of Betty.* ”

Laura McKee - May 21 at 01:36 PM



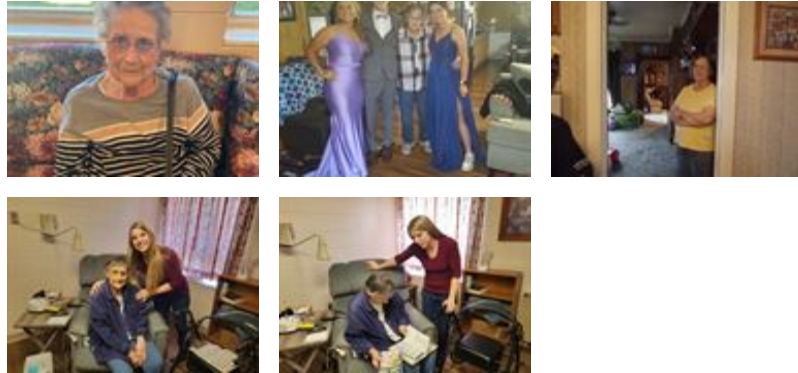
“ *Laura & Mark McKee purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Betty Gallaher.* ”



Laura & Mark McKee - May 21 at 01:24 PM



“ 71 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Cole Family Funeral Home - May 21 at 01:08 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of Betty Gallaher.



May 20 at 04:21 PM



“ *Randy & Nancy Brown* purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Betty Gallaher.



Randy & Nancy Brown - May 20 at 02:36 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Betty Gallaher.*



May 20 at 10:55 AM



“ *Steven T. Gallaher purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of Betty Gallaher.*



Steven T. Gallaher - May 19 at 09:50 PM



“ *Brian & Gloria Nash purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Betty Gallaher.*



Brian & Gloria Nash - May 19 at 09:23 PM



“ *The Forbes families and Wilson Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Betty Gallaher.*



The Forbes families and Wilson Family - May 19 at 07:31 PM



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May 19 at 04:08 PM



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