



Janet S. Little

September 19, 1952 - November 22, 2011

Janet S. Little, age 59, of Marion, IL, passed away with her family by her side at 11:05 a.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2011, in Herrin Hospital of Herrin, IL. She had been battling multiple myeloma and acute leukemia for 9 years but now is in the presence of the LORD. The family would like to thank Dr. Cuartas and his staff for treating and supporting her with tender loving care.

Janet was born Friday, September 19, 1952, in Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, IL, the daughter of William T. "Bill" and Helen Marie (Dempsey) Garrett.

She was united in marriage to James R. Little, Jr. on February 7, 1969, at the Scottsboro Church of God, of Marion, IL and together they have shared the last forty-two years of marriage.

She was of the Pentecostal faith and was a member of the Lamaster Pentecostal Church where her pastor and church family was very supportive, always standing by her and her family. She spent her life caring for her family and her home; she loved singing, serving the Lord and was active in ministry, preaching for thirty-five years. When time allowed she loved working in her yard, growing flowers and watching hummingbirds. Janet loved her family, especially her grandchildren and her many friends and will be missed by all who know and loved her.

She is survived by her husband, James R. Little, Jr. of Marion, IL; two daughters and one son-in-law, Jamie and Ryan Helton of Poplar Bluff, MO and Jane Ann Little of Marion, IL; son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Stacie Little of Johnston City, IL; three grandchildren, Kaylee Little of Johnston City, IL and Hannah and Luke Helton both of Poplar Bluff, MO; sister and brother-in-law, Delores and Wayne Emery of Marion, IL; brother and sister-in-law, Tommie and Sally Garrett of Marion, IL; mother-in-law, Nancy Steele of Marion, IL; three sisters-in-laws, Brenda Radcliffe and her husband, Jim and Sandra Stanton and her husband, Larry all of Marion, IL and Sharon Garrett of Herrin, IL; two brothers-in-law, Ronnie Little and his wife, Brenda and Larry Little and his wife, Pat all of Marion, IL, many nieces and nephews, other extended family and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Jimmy Garrett; father-in-law, Jimmy Little and step father-in-law, Vernon Steele.

Arrangements for Janet S. Little were entrusted to the Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home,

900 N. Court Street, Marion, IL.

A time of visitation for family and friends was on Friday, November 25th, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

During the time of visitation a "Reflection of Life" DVD memorial tribute featuring special people, places and events of Janet's life was presented to the family and friends.

The funeral service was at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 26, 2011, at Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home with Rev. Chris Clendenin presiding.

The obituary, opening comments and prayer was presented by Janet's son-in-law, Ryan Helton.

Janet's daughter, Jane Ann Little read a poem "When Tomorrow Starts without Me".

The prelude and postlude musical selections were by pianist, Rhoda Clendenin.

Special vocal musical selections presented during the service were "Hallelujah, I'm Going Home" as a congregational hymn led and accompanied by pianist, Rhoda Clendenin and "I'm a Winner Either Way" by Mark Presley and Jane Ann Little accompanied by pianist, Rhoda Clendenin.

Special recorded vocal selections presented were "Across the Bridge" and "The Promise".

Interment followed in Herrin City Cemetery of Herrin, IL.

Pallbearers were Ryan Helton, Dale Smelcer, Luke Helton, Mike Radcliffe, Andy Garrett, Jimmie Radcliffe and Matthew Radcliffe.

Honorary pallbearers were Steve Emery, Darren Small and Andy Allison.

After the committal service at the cemetery the family and friends gathered at the Lamaster Pentecostal Church for a meal and continued time of fellowship and support.

For those who preferred, memorial contributions were made to either the "American Cancer Society" or "Hospice of Southern Illinois".

Memorial contribution envelopes were available at the funeral home or were mailed in care of Wilson-McReynolds Funeral Home, P.O. Box 370, Marion, IL 62959.

For additional information please call the funeral home at 618-993-2131.