



Charolene Y. Ballard

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Decatur – Charolene Y. Ballard, 77, of Decatur, passed away Friday, June 26, 2020, at HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital, Decatur.

Charolene was born November 4, 1942, in Decatur, IL, the daughter of Jesse J. and Doloris I. (Buckley) Knotts. A member of West Side Church of the Nazarene, Charolene worked as a cake decorator at Sam’s bakery. She married James R. Ballard on April 7, 1962 in Decatur.

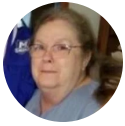
She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

Charolene is survived by her husband of 58 years, James; daughters: Cindy (Greg) Long, Jeanette Knutt, Lori Ballard, and Tracie Carter; twelve grandchildren and nine great grandchildren: brother, Stephen Knotts; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation will be Tuesday, June 30, 2020, from 5 to 7 pm at the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Funeral services to celebrate her life will be 1:30 pm, Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Graceland Cemetery. CDC guidelines will be closely followed.

You may view the live service by going to webcast.funeralvue.com, then type in 32161 in the event number and click “View Service.”

Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2091 N. Oakland Ave, Decatur, IL 62526, is in charge of arrangements. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



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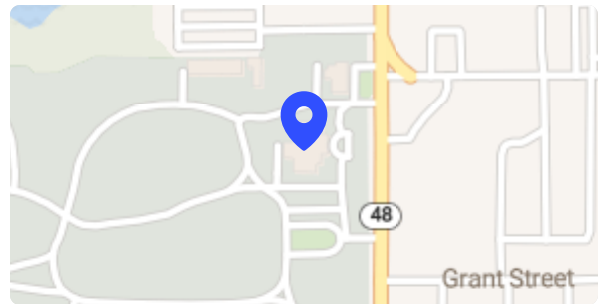
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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, June 30, 2020

 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT


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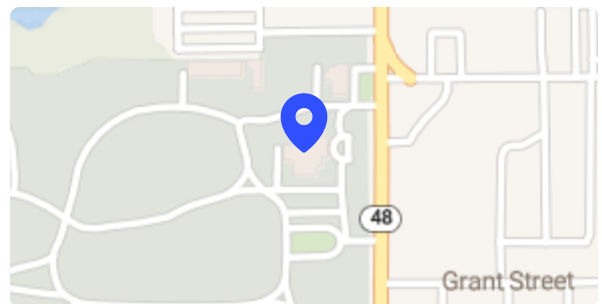


Funeral Service

 **Wednesday**, July 1, 2020


 1:30 PM CT

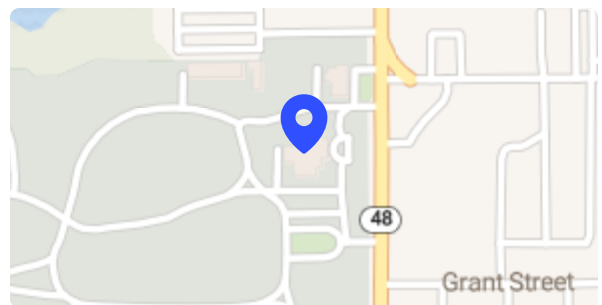
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Burial


 **Wednesday**, July 1, 2020

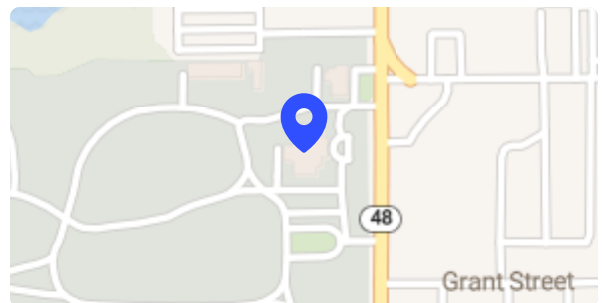
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Cemetery Details

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 **(217) 615-0724**





Tribute Wall

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From The Jenkins Family sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Ballard family.

June 29 at 4:26 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Ballard family.

June 28 at 1:33 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Ballard family.

June 28 at 11:33 AM



Dolly Ruthrauff posted:

Charolene was my aunt. Years ago we all would gather at my grandma and grandpa's, Helen and Jim Ballard's house quite often. They always had the mixed Brach candies some of them hard. I was a young mom. Jimmy about 3 1/2, Niki 1 1/2. Jimmy got a hard candy and started choking . My beautiful aunt without even thinking, grabbed him turned him over and started pounding on his back, dislodging the candy. She may well have saved my precious boy's life. I only thanked her a couple times, but never forgot. She always had a smile, a hug and I LO VE. Y O U. She was the good Christian woman everyone wants to be like! And an awesome cook.Hope to see you again someday, Aunt Charolene!

June 28 at 9:38 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Charolene by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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