



## Betty J. Sly

January 19, 1924 - April 8, 2015

Betty J. Sly, age 91, of Versailles, passed away Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at the Good Shepherd Care Center in Versailles. She was born January 19, 1924, in St. Louis, Missouri, the youngest daughter of James Graham and Caroline Grace (Lortz) Randolph.

On a beautifully warm, sunny October 17, 1953, in Normandy, Missouri, she married John "Jack" L. Sly at the St. Ann Catholic Church.

Prior to her marriage, she held a number of secretarial positions in St. Louis, among which were Laister-Kauffmann Aircraft Corporation, Fruit Products Company and the law department of Wabash Railroad Company.

She was a Red Cross volunteer, a brownie scout leader, school library volunteer, heart and cancer volunteer and past treasurer of the Good Shepherd Ladies Guild in Ferguson, Missouri. Betty was also employed as secretary to the Director of Industrial Research, as well as the Director of the Engineering Experimental Station at Washington State Institute of Technology, Washington State College in Pullman, Washington. She also worked at a veterinarian clinic in Poulsbo, Washington, where her love of nature, children and animals only increased.

Upon moving to Versailles in 1973, she assisted her husband in the operation

of the Western Hills Motel until they retired in 1984. She attended St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church and was a member of their ladies guild. She was a member of GFWC Junior Sorosis since 1974, serving as president from 1984 to 1986. She and her husband were members of the Rolling Hills Country Club, the Morgan County Historical Society since 1974 and Friends of the Morgan County Library. Mrs. Sly was a member of the Versailles Art Club and a charter member of St. Pat's Patty Wackers Kitchen Band, where she played mandolin, entertaining at nursing homes and many other charitable organizations.

She enjoyed playing string music with her siblings, dancing to the sound of the "big band" era music, arts and crafts, sewing, needle work, golf and playing bridge. Most of all, she enjoyed traveling with her family, whether seeing new places, picnicking with friends, or simply taking a walk in the woods. She was a devoted and loving wife and mother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Jack, her only daughter, Laurie Ann Sly, a brother, Roland "Randy" Randolph and her sisters, Florence Rulon Johnston and Dorothy King. She is survived by her son, Patrick J. Sly of Shawnee Mission, Kansas; sister-in-law, Jane Albers and husband Fred of Glen Carbon, Illinois; as well as thirteen nieces and nephews, their siblings and friends.

A celebration of Betty's life will be held at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 21st, at the St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church in Versailles.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 21. 6:00 PM (CT)

St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church  
17034 Highway D  
Versailles, MO 65084