



# Elizabeth Ann Mathews Callis

August 15, 1937 - August 29, 2024

ELIZABETH A. MATHEWS CALLIS  
NEW HARMONY, INDIANA

Elizabeth Ann Mathews Callis, 87, of New Harmony, Indiana, born August 15, 1937 to Ivan Clarence Stewart and Anna Elizabeth Starcken in Evansville, Indiana, passed away, Thursday, August 29, 2024 at Premier Healthcare of New Harmony, Indiana.

She attended Carpenter Grade School and graduated as the Valedictorian of Central High School in Evansville, Indiana in the 1950's. Although she was offered an art scholarship for college, she chose to pursue the medical field instead, becoming an X-ray technician, firstly in Evansville handling Indiana State Workman's Comp cases and secondly at the Fairfield Illinois Memorial Hospital. She later became the Activity Director of the Way-Fair Restorium, adjacent to the hospital. When the Beehive Senior Center opened in Fairfield, Illinois she assumed the directorship. Next, she became a social worker for the Wayne County Department of Public Aid, and then a medical consultant for the State of Illinois before accepting a position as a state surveyor for long term care facilities overseeing 29 counties in Illinois.

She was an entrepreneur, creating the Love Land Day Care Center, Liz's Folly Art Shop, Liz's Tea Room, Liz's Art Studio and later Liz's Flower Shop in Fairfield, Illinois.

She was a very talented lifelong artist, working in all mediums: drawing, pastel chalks, painting, weaving, crochet, knitting, ceramics, stained glass, sewing, quilting and soft sculpture. She taught private student art classes and later became an art instructor for the Frontier Community College in Fairfield, Illinois. She often displayed her artwork at Arts and Crafts shows in the tri-state area. She was a statuesque, elegant woman with a beautiful sense of style. Compliments flowed thru the years on her lovely attire consisting of many ensembles that she personally designed and created.

She led a very active life as a participant of The Women's Club, Beta Eta Sorority, The Business & Professional Women's Club, plus various social, art and doll clubs thru the years.

She is survived by her children: Lorraine Mathews Honarmand (Mark Rudolph), Mason Honarmand, John Mathews (Lori) and Yvonne Mathews Fitzgibbon; sister: Mary Skinner;

grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Her step children include: Sherri Callis Horn, Natalie Callis Brown (Brian), Theodore "Ted" Mathews (Josephine) and John "Jack" Mathews.

She was preceded in death by spouses: Jerry Wayne Callis and Charles Henry Mathews; parents: Ivan Stewart, Edward "Hap" McCarthy and Ann McCarthy; siblings: Ivan "Bee" Stewart (Delores) and Edward Lee McCarthy (Diana); son-in-law: Thomas Fitzgibbon. A "Celebration of Life" will be held at a later date, followed by a private interment at the Maple Hill Cemetery in Fairfield, Illinois.

Memorial donations may be made to: St. Croix Hospice 8844 Ruffian Lane, Suite A, Newburgh, IN 47630 and/or First Christian Church, 100 W. Center Street, Fairfield, IL 62837.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

109 SE 9th Street  
Fairfield, IL 62837

## Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I love this family! Liz would have a military float in the parade. They had a very loud dinner bell in the back yard she would ring for the kids to come home. A wonderful, humble, Christian lady. She had a full life!*

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