



## Sarah Alene Medley

February 25, 1933 - October 12, 2024

Sarah Alene Bates was born in Estill Springs, Tennessee, February 25, 1933 to Aubrey Toney Bates and Cleo Bates. She is preceded in death by both parents, her husband, John Medley of 59.5 years, along with her siblings, A. L. Bates, Mildred Bates as babies, her older sister, Mary Evelyn Bates Brewer and younger Brother, James Hollis Bates. Seven grandchildren preceded her were Rodney Royal, Nolan Trent, Kerry Medley and Heather Robinson. As a norm in the south, Sarah was more known as Alene. She is survived by her children, Judy K Medley Robinson, Vida Joyce Medley Robinson (Allen), Janice M. Medley Robinson (Mark) and Johnathan A Medley. She leaves behind 8 grandchildren: Preston V Robinson (Patricia), Jason D Robinson (Beth), Tabitha D Robinson, Scott N Robinson (Susan), Jeremy D Robinson, (Catrinia), Joshua L Medley and Kristine Medley. Great grandchildren holding her memory are: Victor Robinson (Jackie), Sophie Robinson, Sadie Robinson, Noah Robinson, Lillian Robinson, Seth Robinson, Issac Robinson, Thane Robinson, Mallie Robinson, Jeremy Robinson II, Erin Robinson, Riley Robinson, Ayden Robinson, Devaughn Robinson, Tarrina Foster, Deja Foster, also one great-great grandson, DeMarcus Foley. Sarah met John Medley of Estillfork, Alabama. At the age of 16, she married Johnny, leaving the south to make a better life. They settled in Harvey, Illinois, raising four children: Sarah was always a housewife, never worked outside the home, tending to the household and nurturing her children in the admonition of her Pentecostal faith. Going to church was not an option. If the church doors were open, you

were to be there. Many times, we walked to church and dad would come when he got off work and we would go home together. She enjoyed singing the old hymns and playing the guitar. She was the valedictorian in her eighth-grade class. Being born during the depression, she knew how to make every penny count and make a meal out of very little. Growing a garden was important until dad's employment supported the family sufficiently. She encouraged her girls to learn the art of sewing and taught her children the frugality of handling money. She was always by her husband's side repairing and cleaning rental properties, handling their hard-earned investments which assisted financially in their retirement years. She enjoyed working in the yard and tending to her flowers. She loved her feathered friends in her later years. Even when she couldn't get out of her wheelchair, someone had to buy bird seed and make sure her birds were fed. Her motto was the Jones' had to keep up with her, not her keeping up with the Jones'. Visitation for Sarah Alene Medley will be held on Friday, October 18 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, October 19, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 65 Old Frankfort Way in Frankfort, IL. Interment following at Oakland Memory Lanes in Dolton, Illinois. Arrangements by Heartland Memorial Center to sign guestbook or for information visit [heartlandmemorial.com](http://heartlandmemorial.com) or call (708)444-2266.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakland Memory Lanes

15200 Lincoln Ave  
Dolton, IL 60419

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **18**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kurtz Memorial Chapel (Frankfort)  
65 Old Frankfort Way  
P.O Box 1031  
Frankfort, IL 60423  
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## Visitation

OCT **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Funeral service

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OCT 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Committal service

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OCT 19 (CT)

Oakland Memory Lanes  
15200 Lincoln Ave  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Heartland Memorial Center created a Tribute Video in memory of Sarah Alene Medley*



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**Heartland Memorial Center** - October 17, 2024 at 03:26 PM

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“ *Love our memories growing up as a child.  
Going to church and our visit.  
Sending our deepest sympathies to the family.  
Eb and Pam*



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**Pam and Eb Neeley** - October 12, 2024 at 07:57 PM