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*The Family*

# OBITUARIES

## Pamela Gale Grant

HARTFORD — Pamela Gale Grant, 74, of Hartford, entered her Heavenly home Jan. 27, 2025. She was born in Louisville on Oct. 22, 1950, to the late Clifford and Katherine Doerr Grant.



Pam was a tax administrator for the Ohio County Sheriff's Office for 17 years and was a member of East Hartford Baptist Church. She enjoyed spending time in the country and taking trips to Panama City Beach. She loved her family dearly and was a wonderful caregiver for them all.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Kimberly Allen; grandchildren, Tawny Glass, Marty Dockery Jr. and Aaron Dockery; great-grandchildren, Lucas Clinton, Joshua Dockery, Isaiah Dockery, Leighann Marie Poe and Laura Poe; brother, Arnold Grant; and sister, Sharon C'hole.

Services were held Jan. 31 at Bevil Bros. Funeral Home in Beaver Dam, with Brother Andy Gowins officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery in Hartford.

Online condolences may be sent to [bevilbrosfuneralhomes.com](http://bevilbrosfuneralhomes.com).

## Jeri Ann Hirtzel

Folks, it is with sadness that we say "Moma's gone." She boarded that train with a lot of others on Jan. 23, 2025, bound to the Pearly Gates. Oh what a ride! Moma loved life and she gave us life and Moma loved the Lord. She tried to instill in us to give thanks to God each and every day.



We believe she was greeted at the Pearly gates by Jesus and walked in on the streets of gold. She lived for that. If we shed any more tears, it will be tears of joy for her having made it. For as humans, we can't imagine how wonderful Heaven will be. For Moma said so and we believe.

Jeri Ann Hirtzel (nee Heath), age 100, passed away on Jan. 23. She was born on Nov. 8, 1924, in a remote part of Lee County. Her family moved to Indianapolis when she was two years old and endured tough times during the Great Depression. She graduated from Arsenal Technical High School in 1942 and the same year married Jerry Martin Hirtzel. They had six children and were married for 69 years until Jerry's death in 2011.

She is survived by her children, Cynthia Hirtzel, of Hubbard, Ohio, Randy (wife Barbara) Hirtzel, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Bradley (wife Darlene) Hirtzel, of Whitesville, and Debbie Hirtzel, of Noblesville, Ind.; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Rosie Shelby.

Jeri was preceded in death by two sons, Mike and David; and four brothers, Cecil, Eugene, Delbert and Kenneth.

Jeri Ann loved her large family, and her home on Washington Boulevard, where she lived for 72 years. She had a great knowledge of plants. Her house and yard were filled with flowers. She had fun growing huge elephant-ear plants and raising exotic "stinky plants," whose blossoms smelled like a barnyard. She loved to read, and amassed a large library of books. When you said you loved her, she'd get a twinkle in her eyes, smile, and say, "I love you more."

There will be a memorial graveside ceremony in the springtime, as that was Moma's favorite time of year. Yes folks, our Moma is gone, but she'll remain in our hearts till we meet again. We will work to try and board that Heaven-bound train. In the springtime, plant a flower in memory of loved ones passed. Many said we can plant the seeds, but God makes them grow.

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