



## Bessie Welker

December 20, 1938 - January 18, 2026

Bessie Jane Welker, 87, of Marble Hill, Missouri, died Sunday, January 18, 2026, at StoneBridge Marble Hill.

She was born December 20, 1938, in Zalma, MO, to Clarence and Flossie Morlan James.

She and Charles "Pete" Welker were married May 2, 1975, in Marble Hill, MO until his passing in .

Bessie worked in different factories throughout her life, ending her career at Tricon. She loved to read, do puzzles, and spend time with her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Survivors include seven children: David Evans of St. Louis, Rebecca (late husband Mike) Garland of Marble Hill, Tamrah (Ronnie) Bass of Marble Hill, Robert Evans of Marble Hill, James (Skylar) Evans of Marble Hill, Juliette (Jimmy) Smith of Marble Hill, and Elizabeth (Josh) Smith of Advance; five step-children: Kathy Sullivan, Yvonne Cook, Rick Welker, Don Welker, and Leon Welker; along with many many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and many other

loved ones.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at Ford & Liley Funeral Home in Marble Hill, Missouri.

Funeral service will follow with the Rev. Randy Clifton officiating.

Burial will be at New Bethel Cemetery in Marble Hill.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Missouri, 9370 Olive Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132-3214.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandlileyfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandlileyfuneralhome.com)

Ford & Liley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## New Bethel Cemetery

Marble Hill, MO 63764

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 22. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Liley Funeral Home - Marble Hill  
410 Union St.  
Marble Hill, MO 63764

## Funeral Service

JAN 22. 12:00 PM (CT)

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