



Elsie Marie Van Meter

November 16, 1928 - January 29, 2015

Elsie Marie Van Meter, 86, of Cairo died at 3:30AM Thursday, January 29, 2015 at Life Care Center in Cape Girardeau, MO.

She was born November 16, 1928 in Cairo, IL. The daughter of Arthur and Grace (Bracken) Denton. She was married to Walter Van Meter, he preceded her in death.

Elsie worked for many years at restaurants in the Cairo area, most notably at Glenn's Truck Stop. She also worked as a respiratory therapist in area health care facilities before becoming a full time grandma. She was a member of Mighty Rivers Regional Worship Center in Cairo.

She is survived by daughters, Donna Marie Story of Thebes and Lora Lee (Clifford) Jerman of Hartford, IL; granddaughter, Morgan Jerman of Hartford, IL; grandson, Mason Jerman of Atlanta, GA; great-grandchildren, Faith Marie and Tristen; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Elsie was preceded in death by parents, granddaughter, Deana Marie Story; brothers, Willard, Vernon, Chester, Gerald and Ralph; sister Pearl.

Visitation for Elsie Van Meter will be Sunday, February 1, 2015 from 2:00pm-5:00pm at the Crain Funeral Home in Cairo.

Funeral services will be held Monday, February 2, 2015 at 1:00pm at Mighty Rivers Regional Worship Center in Cairo with Rev. Larry Potts officiating. Friends may call at the church after 12:00pm until funeral hour. Interment will follow at Olive Branch Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Thebes Historical Society, P.O. Box 53, Thebes, IL 62990 and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Elsie Marie Van Meter*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Donna, Lora Lee, Faith and the whole family: My prayers are with you as you prepare to say "good-bye". Elsie was the most loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother anyone could have. She gave her all for her family. I was blessed to have many memories of Elsie. She always had a smile and a story and her love for her family was always shown. I know she is celebrating in heaven with Walter, Deana, and her other family members waiting for her in heaven. I am so sorry I am unable to be there to hug you all but know that I am there in spirit. Please accept my condolences and know my prayers are with you.*


Vella & Donnie Friedman

Vella Friedman - January 31, 2015 at 09:44 AM



“ *I loved Elsie with all of my heart. She was a wonderful woman and a great friend. She will be missed.*


Janet Archer - January 30, 2015 at 09:46 PM

 Debra
Cash

“ To Lora Lee and Donna a reminder that Aunt Elsie and Uncle Walt are always near

*I offer my hopes in whole and not part,
to the one who walked with me first.
In spirit and thought you will always
hold, a special place in my heart.
You gave me my start to teach me of
love, and the beauty that my life
can hold. And of all the truth that I
seek for in God, I know I first saw it
in you. I will invest in my children
the knowledge of love and respect that
was taught me by you. I will pray for
the strength to guide them with courage
and teach them the truth in God's view.
If I fell or I stagger I will reach for
your hand to hold me and guide me the
way through. For God in heaven has
opened a door and added an Angel in you.*

Debra Cash - January 30, 2015 at 08:15 PM

 Wendy
Burns-
Vaughn

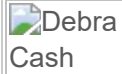
“ She could always make me smile!! I loved listening to her tell stories about her younger days....she was real sweetheart and is going to be missed! Love, hugs, kisses Elsie!

Wendy Burns-Vaughn - January 30, 2015 at 07:55 PM

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“ Last time I seen her was at Aunt Virgie's with Donna & Denna was just a baby. Prayers for the family, we know where she is and will see her again someday! Belinda Blankenship Dossett

Belinda Blankenship Dossett - January 30, 2015 at 07:17 PM



“ *Lora Lee and Donna.*

We had so many memories growing up together. Those memories not only guide us but structure who we are. Your mom and the both of you had a great part of impacting my life. I will love you always no matter where you are.

*Love
Debra*

Debra Cash - January 30, 2015 at 07:16 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elsie Marie Van Meter.*



January 30, 2015 at 07:11 PM



“ *Sure could make some good molasses cookies looked forward to them at christmas.As a matter of fact she would make them any time I would ask her too.She was always good to me even after I married her daughter . Which I am very thankful for. I sure will miss her!*

Clifford Jerman - January 30, 2015 at 06:14 PM



“ *Donna you are in my thoughts and prayers.I had always liked your mom she was an angel and a blessing to have known she will be missed*

Chrissy Grace - January 30, 2015 at 05:15 PM