



Emma Jean Parham

December 29, 1933 - July 30, 2024

IN MEMORY OF:

Emma Jean Parham

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – CAIRO
4815 Sycamore Street, Cairo, Illinois

Emma Jean Parham, 90, of Paducah, formerly of Cairo, passed away on Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at Parkview Nursing Home in Paducah.

Emma was born on December 29, 1933 in Cairo to Mose and Lena (McClure) Lang. She married Bill Thistlewood, Sr. and he preceded her in death. Emma then married Tommy Parham who also preceded her in death.

Emma was a graduate of Cairo High School. She worked many years at the bowling alley and skating rink in Cairo. Emma later worked at the Silica Plant Illinois Mineral in Elco. She loved square dancing and taught herself to play the piano and the guitar. Emma enjoyed her pool and the sun and was a member of Social Society that had fund raisers for many events. She was a member of Tigert Methodist Church and was the secretary there for many years.

Emma is survived by her sons, Billy (Phyllis) Thistlewood, and Larry (Dorothy) Thistlewood; grandson, Kaelin (Brittany) Thistlewood; granddaughter, Tia (Bryan) Wheatley; great-grandson, Brayden Thistlewood; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Bill; second husband, Tommy; sisters, Lucille Mohundro, Annie Lane, and Dorothy Conroy; brothers, Charlie Lang, Henry Lang, and Denver Lang.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 11:30 AM at Crain Funeral Home in Cairo with Jerry Williams officiating. Burial will be at 1:00 PM at Mound City National Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 10:30 AM until the time of service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Tigert Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Mound City National Cemetery

Mound City, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Cairo
4815 Sycamore
Cairo, IL 62914
(618) 734-4291
crain@crainsonline.com

Funeral Service

AUG 6. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Cairo
4815 Sycamore
Cairo, IL 62914
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Interment

AUG 6. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (cst)

Mound City National Cemetery
Mound City, IL

Tribute Wall

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“ *Tia Thistlewood & Bryan Wheatley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Emma Jean Parham.*



Tia Thistlewood & Bryan Wheatley - August 05, 2024 at 11:56 AM

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“ *4 files added to the album IN MEMORY OF Emma Jean Parham*



Thistlewood - August 05, 2024 at 10:41 AM

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Thistlewood - August 05, 2024 at 09:48 AM