



Gloria Ruth (Hempfling) Stoker

April 4, 1929 - June 3, 2026

IN MEMORY OF:

Gloria Ruth (Hempfling) Stoker

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

Gloria Ruth (Hempfling) Stoker, age 97, Marietta, Georgia, formerly of Murphysboro, passed away on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at Sterling Estates of West Cobb in Marietta, GA.

She was born on April 4, 1929 to Simon G. Hempfling and Ruth Anna (Wiggins) Hempfling in Wahpeton, North Dakota. On July 27, 1952, she married Carl E. Stoker at St. James Episcopal Church in Vincennes, Indiana.

Gloria graduated high school in Petersburg, Indiana. She went on to attend Washington University in St. Louis and graduated from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy with her Bachelors of Science Degree. She worked for many years as a registered pharmacist. She was very active in the community and several organizations including Job's Daughters, Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, IL Hospital Pharmacist Association, Alumni Board of St. Louis College of

Pharmacy, Jackson County Home Extension, St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary, Friends of Sallie Logan Library where she served as a Trustee, the Murphysboro Recreation Board, and the General Logan Museum. Gloria also enjoyed reading, playing bridge, and golfing. Gloria was member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Carbondale and later attended the United Methodist Church in Murphysboro and St. James Episcopal Church in Marietta, GA.

Survivors include her children, Andrew (Mary) Stoker of Manchester, MO, and Jill Stoker of Marietta, GA; grandchildren, Adam Stoker, Brian (Michele) Stoker, Kate (Will) Hacker, Mike Stoker, Carol Stoker, Jake (Lindsay) Stoker, and Theresa (Matt) Coomer; step-grandchildren, Kristen (Nick) Gaines, Kyle (Kristin) Jacoby, and Eloisa (Jordan) Meyer; and great-grandchildren, Tyler Stoker, Luke Stoker, Kylie Stoker, Sienna Hacker, Cole Hacker, Brooklyn Stoker, McKenzie Meyer, Nathalia Meyer, Nate Stoker, Kalia Stoker, and Emma Jacoby.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her brother John (Sandra), and her son Mark (Emely), and grandchild Luke Stoker.

A Private Graveside Service will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 with Rev. Jim Easton officiating at Murdale Gardens of Memory.

Crain Funeral Home in Downtown Murphysboro is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Murdale Gardens of Memory

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