



Mary Belle Osman Morgan

December 13, 1923 - March 17, 2018

Mary Belle Osman Morgan, 94, of Dongola, passed away on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at her home.

She was born the second child of three children on December 13, 1923 the daughter of Ellis and Iva Penrod. She married Leland Elmer Osman and he preceded her in death on January 25, 1974 and together they had three sons, Robert L., Ronald E. and Edward E. Osman. She later married Harold Morgan and he preceded her in death in 2001 and was the step-mother to Larry Morgan and Ron Morgan.

Mary Belle graduated from Dongola High School in August 1941. She was the owner and agent of Dongola Insurance agency and the co-owner and operator of Dongola Roller Rink and Dongola Texaco café. She was the secretary and accountant for Osman Produce, Inc. She was co-founder of the Dongola Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and Dongola Homecoming and a participant every year until 2017. She was a member of the Red Hat Society, First Baptist Church of Dongola and a member of Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery board.

Mary Belle enjoyed 94 years of life and through her activities and actions she has positively affected the lives of hundreds, if not thousands, of Dongola and area residents. Whether she was dressing in period costumes for a parade or

as Mother Goose to read to grade school children, she was never without a smile or kind word. She routinely baked and delivered thousands of cakes, cookies and pies to people at holidays, in times of grief or just a cake to cheer you up! She called her family together before passing and told them “Do not shed any tears over me as I have had a good life, a loving family and I love you all, but it is time for me to go home to see the Lord and Shawna”. Mary Belle would have said the same to all her friends. Her greatest eulogy is her family, her lifetime of good works and her thousands of friends.

The family would like to thank Judy Cohin, Residential Hospice, Kyle and Cynthia Kern and Brenda Hogue for the tender and loving care given to Mary Belle as she left this physical world.

She is survived by her sons, Robert L. Osman (Lorene) of Dongola, Ronald E. Osman (Michelle) of Marion, Edward E. Osman (Diane) of Springfield; friend, Brenda Hogue (Mary Belle called her the daughter she never had); brother, Dorris Penrod of Dongola; step-sons, Larry Morgan and Ron Morgan; five grandchildren, Mark Osman of Marion, Kelly Johnson of Dongola, Blane Osman of Marion, Christina Blake Deitrich of Goshen, KY, Chris Osman of Los Angeles, CA; seven great-grandchildren, Olivia Osman of Marion, Owen Osman of Marion, Loreli Deitrich of Goshen, KY, Ronin Deitrich of Goshen, KY, Aubrey Fenton of Herrin, Corbin Johnson of Dongola, Callie Osman of Marion; nieces and nephews, Audrey Hartline, Evelyn Maxwell, Ted Osman, Janet Lingle, Roger Lingle, Pam Ferguson, Cynthia Kern, Terry Osman, Janet Davis, Ann Van Loon, Jim Kaufman, Debbie Witlow, Beth Horvath.

Mary Belle was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leland E. Osman;
husband, Harold Morgan; granddaughter, Shawna Osman; sister, Marella Kaufman; nephew, Jerry Osman.

Visitation will be from 4:00pm to 8:00pm on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 and from 9:00am to 1:00pm on March 21, 2018 at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00pm on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at First Baptist Church of Dongola with Rev. LaRue Parr officiating. Interment will follow in Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Shawna Osman's name or Mary Belle's to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 1972 Inner Belt Business Center, St. Louis, MO, 63114 or online at www.lls.org or Friendship Cemetery Association of Dongola, P.O. Box 118, Dongola, IL, 62926

Cemetery Details

Friendship Cemetery

Dongola, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Dongola
106 NW Front St.
Dongola, IL 62926
866-592-7246
crain@crainsonline.com

Visitation

MAR 21. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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church service

MAR **21**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Dongola
203 E. Cross St
Dongola, IL 62926

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Belle Osman Morgan*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Your family has my deepest sympathy. Mary Belle was a wonderful and thoughtful lady and fun to be around. She was a good friend to my sister, Ruth Karraker, and we always enjoyed having her at our gatherings. She will be missed by many people.*

Betty Jo Bird Bishop

Betty Jo Bird Bishop - March 22, 2018 at 01:03 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Belle Osman Morgan.*



March 20, 2018 at 05:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Belle Osman Morgan.*



March 20, 2018 at 04:28 PM

KW

“ *Kandi W. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Belle Osman Morgan.*



Kandi W. - March 20, 2018 at 02:48 PM

TT

“ *The Boudreaux Families of Howard & Tibby purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Belle Osman Morgan.*



The Boudreaux Families of Howard & Tibby - March 20, 2018 at 11:27 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Belle Osman Morgan.*



March 20, 2018 at 09:43 AM

HW

“ *May her memory be a blessing. I will say the Mourner's Kaddish for Mary Belle. She always welcomed me when I visited. We had a many chuckles.*

Harri Wasch - March 19, 2018 at 09:21 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Belle Osman Morgan.*



March 19, 2018 at 08:05 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mary Belle Osman Morgan.*



March 19, 2018 at 07:40 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Belle Osman Morgan.*



March 19, 2018 at 05:23 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Belle Osman Morgan.*



March 19, 2018 at 12:09 PM

AH

“*Mary Belle was an icon in this community and loved her family and friends loyally. We know this time is coming, but we are never really ready for it. Mary Belle was a lady around town until the last few weeks, which makes me happy because that is the way she would have liked it. We all will miss her and her many stories. I was always impressed how she kept dressed so nice and always had her hair fixed. I always told her she put me to shame. The yearly flowers on main street were always a Blessing from Mary Belle. She was so proud of her community and kept it rolling on course however she could. Love you Mary Belle and your spirit will stay with this community for many years to come. Losing Shawna was the hardest time of her life she told me shortly before her death so I know she will have a joyful reunion in heaven.*

Alison Holderfield

Alison Holderfield - March 19, 2018 at 10:29 AM

MK

“*Blake and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Grandma belle was an absolute joy, a true jem in fact! Her witty way will never be forgotten. May your wonderful memories help outweigh your grief and sadness.*

Misty Kaufman - March 18, 2018 at 08:41 PM

DO

“*Sorry to hear this Mary will be missed by many. She always had a big smile for everyone. We always looked forward to seeing her at the Dongola Homecoming. Prayers for all her family.*

Deon and Dollie Osman

Deon and Dollie Osman - March 18, 2018 at 06:38 PM

JK

“*Mary Belle was a gift of laughter most always. She always had a story to tell, or some experience - usually on herself. She wasn't afraid to laugh at herself. She would and could do some mighty fine cooking and baking. We received a few of those cakes! We also ate some fantastic hamburgers - they were huge, man sized! She believed in her family, very proud of them, talked of her love for them every time we came to visit. Her sense of humor has brought her through many trials. Her Christmas tree was always filled with ornaments she crafted herself. A treasure! She was quite a woman. A woman we loved. Will miss and do miss already. The hugs were always welcome and will miss that too. Part of our family is gone, but lives on in those that will carry on. God bless your journey Aunt Mary Belle.*

Jim and Karen Kaufman - March 18, 2018 at 04:40 PM

BR

“*Ms Mary Bell was a huge part of this town. She will be greatly missed.*

Bracken's - March 18, 2018 at 04:36 PM



“*Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Belle Osman Morgan.*



March 18, 2018 at 04:31 PM

LI

“ I will really miss her when I come to the homecomings and she is not there collecting and selling tickets. She was a really nice and friendly person. Condolences to her family. She will be greatly missed.

Linda and Ron Jackson. Elizabethtown II - March 18, 2018 at 02:51 PM



So very sad to hear this news. Mary Belle was quite a lady and a Dongola institution. I always looked forward to seeing her and having a huge hug when visiting the Village. Best wishes to all of her family,

Ted Penrod - March 18, 2018 at 03:57 PM