



## Ora L. Essex

September 1, 1918 - May 24, 2017

Ora L. Essex, 98, of Pulaski, IL, died at 1:12 am, Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at Hillview Healthcare Center in Vienna, IL.

She was born September 1, 1918 in Olmsted, IL, the daughter of George and Rosina (Jacobsmeier) Schukar. Ora married Joseph William "Joe" Essex on April 26, 1941 and they enjoyed 67 years of marriage. He preceded her in death on May 17, 2008.

Ora was a member at St. Luke's Lutheran Church and ladies aid of the church home extension. She loved traveling, going to SMILES, and German Polka dances, but most of all she loved and enjoyed her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda (Adrian) Bowers of Lake of Egypt; 6 grandchildren, Gary W. (Karen) Goins II of Pulaski, Laurie (John) Duckworth of Grand Chain, Bruce (Patty) Bowers of Sebring, FL, Jayma Boyd of Tampa, FL, Chris Bowers and Jeff Bowers both of Marion, IL; 8 great grandchildren, Bryan Cravens, Gary W. Goins III, Nathan Austin, Jennifer Skelcher, Brandon Bowers, Ashley Amberger, Kristen Duckworth and Adrianna Furlow; 6 great-great grandchildren.

Ora is preceded in death by her parents, husband, 2 daughters, Betty Carol and Baby Girl Essex; brother, Alvin Schukar; an infant brother and sister;

grandson, Baby Boy Goins.

Visitation will be from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Friday, May 26, 2017 at Crain Funeral Home in Ullin and after 1:00pm on Saturday at the church.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00pm, Saturday, May 27, 2017 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Olmsted with Rev. Paul Donner officiating. Interment will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Pulaski.

Memorials may be made to St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Olmsted and Rose Hill Cemetery in Pulaski and will be accepted at the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Ullin  
420 Ullin Ave.  
Ullin, IL 62992  
(866) 592-7246  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Ora L. Essex

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ Trips to Southern Illinois were never complete without trips to the Hill to see Uncle Joe and Aunt Ora. Even now, the memories of the reunions at their home in the early 80s are still so vivid. They were always so happy and full of life. I regret not taking the time to have known them both better. They were truly a model of how to embrace life.

Marty Norris

Marty Norris - May 28, 2017 at 07:58 AM



“ We are very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Paul and Lenee Haun



Lenee and Paul Haun - May 26, 2017 at 11:53 AM

KS

“ We are very sorry for the loss of Aunt Ora. Taking summer vacations and visiting Ora and Joe, sitting in the shade and drinking sweet tea and lemonade with everyone, fishing in the pond, eating grapes off the vine and having huge farm meals. Getting eggs from the coop and fresh vegetables and flowers from the gardens. Playing with Linda's toys. Watching the grown-ups get dressed up and head out to the barn dances. And listening to the story of Ora climbing the tree to get away from the bull (my sister teased me about wearing my red pedal pushers as we walked through the pastures to get to the pond, trying to keep an eye on the bull!) The smell of canning pickles and corn, making jam. Such cherished memories.

Thinking of you, Linda and Gary and your family at this time of sorrow. I'm so thankful Ora was able to travel to Florida for my parents 60th wedding anniversary.

Kim (Minton) Smith

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Kim Smith - May 26, 2017 at 08:01 AM

JR

“ Linda, I'm so sorry to hear about Aunt Ora. I'm thankful I got to see her over Mother's Day weekend. She was so special and loved by so many! ❤️🙏

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Jane Rigg - May 25, 2017 at 03:26 PM

TG

“ I have such wonderful memories! joe & ora were like my second grandparents, I spent many days with them. the memories of them being with my grandparents, barn dances, fishing in there pond. and seeing snakes.they were my cousins,but will always hold a special place in my heart. for the wonderful memories. i can pass on to my children and grandchildren. you are up in heaven playing cards with joe, grandma and grandpa and grants. lol tracey greeno(schukar)

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tracey greeno - May 25, 2017 at 10:48 AM

KE

“ Linda, so sorry to hear about your dear Mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.  
Karen Eatmon

karen eatmon - May 25, 2017 at 10:29 AM

CG

“ I have many fond memories of Ora and Joe who taught me how to German polka.  
Out thoughts and prayers are with you!

Carol (Miller) Randy George - May 25, 2017 at 08:39 AM

TN

“ Will always remember family reunions and visits to the Hill, Uncle Joe and Aunt Ora were such special people!  
Tim Norris

Tim Norris - May 25, 2017 at 07:31 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ora L. Essex.



May 24, 2017 at 10:03 PM