



Thelma Blumenstock

December 26, 1933 - November 12, 2020

Thelma Blumenstock, age 86, of DeSoto, passed away at 11:21 a.m. Thursday, November 12, 2020 surrounded by her loving family at her residence in DeSoto. Her lord and savior said, welcome home my good and faithful servant.

She was born on December 26, 1933, in Murphysboro, Illinois, to Lowell White and Lily Mae (Wisely) White.

Thelma was a housewife before opening Thelma's Cafe in DeSoto for many years. She was known for her coconut cream pie and she aired on WSIL TV news with her recipe. She later worked in De Soto until her grandkids came along. She babysat for all her grandchildren and many of her great grandchildren as well as other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Blumenstock was a very active member of the First Baptist Church of DeSoto and the DeSoto Food Pantry. She had been a quilter for many years. She was an avid sports lover. She dedicated countless hours to the concession stand and DeSoto Homecoming Celebrations at the DeSoto City Park. She was named the Senior Citizen of the year. Several people considered her to be a "Pillar of the Community".

Thelma and Howard were married in Kentucky on March 16, 1950. This year

they celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary.

Thelma is survived by her husband, Howard Blumenstock, four children David (Phyllis) Blumenstock, Dorris (Frank) McKee, Ronald (Susan) Blumenstock, and Rhonda Blumenstock, all of DeSoto;

eight grandchildren Anthony Blumenstock, Cody (Brittany) Blumenstock, Christy (Christopher) Bockler, Jason (Rachel) McKee, Jonathan McKee, Alicia (Rob) Lorenz, Kyle Blumenstock, and Alexandria Blumenstock;

five great grandchildren Elizabeth Bockler, Joshua Bockler, Noah Lorenz, Genevieve Lorenz, and Addison Blumenstock;

one brother and two sisters Calvin (Shirely) White and Ruth (Ed Jones) Bowlby, both of DeSoto, and Linda Cummins of Lockport, IL.

She was preceded in death by two brothers James and Frank White, two sisters Sara Jane and Elaine Stewart, and her parents.

Gravesite services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, November 16, 2020, at DeSoto Cemetery with Brother Joshua Wehrmeier officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Monday at the DeSoto Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the First Baptist Church in DeSoto or to Hospice of Southern Illinois, Inc.

For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma Blumenstock*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I remember the many apple butter making sessions at grandma Lucy's farm and Thelma and Howard were always there and she was such a hard worker and excellent cook. I greatly appreciated her help when my wife Linda (her niece) passed away and we had a memorial dinner for us. I know the family and friends will miss her immensely but we have the hope of seeing her again when Jesus fulfills the promise at John 5:28,29 " all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out", and she will be able to be with her loved ones again under much better conditions.*
Condolences from Rick and Patty Frakes

Richard Frakes - November 16, 2020 at 01:39 PM



“ *My heart goes out to all the family. Thelma was such a sweet person. She made me feel welcome when going out to the house and playing with Rhonda when we were kids. Love and hugs to you all.*

Angie Randolph - November 16, 2020 at 04:39 AM

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“ So sorry for your families loss. What a wonderful lady she was as I can remember her most of my life. Childhood memories of our family at your house with the parents playing cards and all the kids from both families running and playing. Those wonderful pies she made were the best in all the world. Howard, David and rest of the family: God Bless you all at this time of your loss....Randy and Barbara Shook.

Randy Shook - November 14, 2020 at 10:41 PM