



Thelma Mae Smothers

April 26, 1923 - December 21, 2021

Thelma Mae Smothers, age 98, of Jackson, formerly of Olive Branch, passed away at 2:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at The Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on April 26, 1923 to Walter and Mattie (Pulliam) Minton in East St. Louis, Illinois. Thelma married Thomas Sherman Smothers in January 28, 1942 in Cape Girardeau. He preceded her in death on June 28, 1993.

Thelma spent years as a homemaker and taking care of her children. She also worked as a seamstress in Mounds, and a clerk at the grocery stores in Olive Branch and Tamms. Thelma was a member of the Alexander Freewill Baptist Church. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, baking, sewing, working puzzles, and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her daughters, Sheila (Harold) Hale and Fairan Kae (Larry) Naeger; eight grandchildren, Beverly (Bryan) Miller, Karla (Mark) Simmons, Tommy (Bobbi) Smothers, David (Joey) Hale, John (Shannon) Hale, Becky (Lee) Gerler, Kevin Naeger, and Kelly (Jeff) DeClerk; numerous great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; sister, Ruth Rosenthal; brother, James (Shirley) Minton; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was also preceded in death by her son, Tom Smothers.

Visitation will be Monday, Dec. 27, from 12-2 at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms. Funeral services will follow at 2pm with Rev. Sam Ramdial officiating. Interment will follow in Olive Branch Cemetery.

The family requests with gratitude that in lieu of flowers memorial donations be made to Olive Branch Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Olive Branch Cemetery

Olive Branch, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Tamms
420 Front St.
Tamms, IL 62988
(618) 833-2176
crain@crainsonline.com

Funeral Service

DEC 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma Mae Smothers*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. She was a sweet lady.*

Dana Schwieger - December 28, 2021 at 06:33 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your families loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time.*

Melissa Ensor

Melissa Ensor - December 27, 2021 at 03:24 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Carol & Randy George - December 24, 2021 at 11:01 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thelma Mae Smothers.*



December 22, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Theлма Mae Smothers*.



December 21, 2021 at 07:33 PM