



## Velma Caplinger

July 6, 1921 - March 14, 2016

Velma Caplinger, age 94 of Carbondale, passed away Monday, March 14, 2016 at 12:20 am in Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

She was born July 6, 1921 to Omar and Eva (Grace) Frazier in Murphysboro.

Velma married Guy Caplinger on October 11, 1942. Together they shared 54 years of married. He preceded her in death in June, 1996.

She was retired from Southern Illinois University, Touch of Nature Department where she had worked for nearly 20 years as a secretary.

She was a member of Grand Avenue Christian Church in Carbondale. She square danced for over 40 years with the Hi Neighbor Square Dancing Club which included clogging, line and round dancing. After her husband passed she went on many tours that traveled all over with the Old National Bank and SIH Second Act.

Velma enjoyed decorating her home inside and out for every holiday. She loved being with people whether playing dominoes, going to the movies, concerts, plays, shopping or going out for lunch. She had many friends that spanned over a long period of time.

She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Cochran and son-in-law, Bill Cochran of Carbondale; grandson, Keith Phemister and great-grandson, Tristian Phemister of Sacramento, CA; a twin sister, Thelma Klunk of St Louis, MO; nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, a half-sister and her husband.

Visitation will be from 9:00 to 11:00 am on Friday, March 18, 2016 at the Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Funeral Services for Velma Caplinger will be Friday, March 18, 2016 at 11:00 am with Pastor Russ Finley officiating. Interment will follow at the Carterville Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association and will be accepted at the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Velma Caplinger*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Our prayers are with you in the passing of your loved one. The Cross family*



**Lillian (Cross) Presson** - March 17, 2016 at 12:27 PM



*I have many happy childhood memories of jumping rope and playing jacks with Velma and Thelma. I remember bob sledding down the hill in front of our house on West 23rd Street in Murphysboro. Lillian "Diddy" (Cross) Presson*

**Lillian (Cross) Presson** - March 17, 2016 at 12:45 PM



“ *Ron And Kris Darnell lit a candle in memory of Velma Caplinger*



**Ron and Kris Darnell** - March 16, 2016 at 07:30 PM



*Cheryl, we will be in Florida on Friday and are so sorry we will miss your Mother's visitation and funeral. As we stated before, Velma was one special lady and will truly be missed. You will be in our hearts on Friday and always.*

**Ron and Kris Darnell** - March 16, 2016 at 07:36 PM

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“ *I'm so sorry to hear about your Mother. I think your parents and mine will spent many hours square dancing together again. Rex Rendleman*

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**Rex Rendleman** - March 16, 2016 at 07:18 AM

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“ *Gregg Brayfield lit a candle in memory of Velma Caplinger*



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**gregg brayfield** - March 15, 2016 at 03:00 PM

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“ *to the family of velma.*

*it is with deep regret that velma has gone I will miss talking to her and bringing her news paper to her every day she was A very sweet lady and always concerned if i was late or missed delivering her paper to her. i only met her once when I began delivering the paper in her neighbor hood in june of 2014 but I had A few occasions to talk to her on the phone and on occasion see her at the house if she was up when I arrived with the mail and paper. I will always think of her when I pass by the house and remember what A sweet and kind lady she was. may your hearts be at peace now and for always she is home with the lord now and her pain and suffering are gone and she is resting peacefully in heaven with the angels and our heavenly father.*

*gregg brayfield*

*(carrier) @ the southern*

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**gregg brayfield** - March 15, 2016 at 02:58 PM

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“ We will miss Velma so much. She was a wonderful friend .Sympathy to Cheryl and family. Gilbert and Norma Oetjen

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**Norma Oetjen** - March 15, 2016 at 08:16 AM

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*Velma has been a neighbor of ours for many years here on the blacktop. My husband and I knew her husband when he worked as a carpenter. They were wonderful people. Never a harsh word concerning anyone. May she rest in peace. Carolyn and Dave Frisch*

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**Carolyn Frisch** - March 16, 2016 at 03:21 PM