



Thelma A. Fairbanks

September 9, 1920 - August 16, 2020

Thelma A. Fairbanks (Smock)

Thelma Aileen Fairbanks, age 99, of Winchester, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Sunday, August 16, 2020. Thelma was born on September 9, 1920 to Ralph and Addie Smock in Leroy, IL. She married Joe Fairbanks on March 1, 1942 in Hannibal, MO. Joe and Thelma acquired Pleasant Point Resort in Winchester in 1951 and eventually purchased Winchester Hardware in 1960, running both businesses for many years. The hardware store was taken over by son Ed in 1970 and renamed Fairbanks' Store with Thelma continuing to work at the store every day until its closing in 1998.

Devoted to the community, Thelma was active in Civic Club and the Pine Tones singing ensemble. She was a member of the election board and a volunteer at Winchester Library. Thelma's favorite pastimes included quilting, embroidering, baking pies and spending time with family and friends.

Thelma is survived by her children, Ann (John) Wilson of Winchester, WI, Ed Fairbanks of Winchester, WI, Ellen (Ed) Schaub of Woodruff, WI, eight grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Thelma was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, husband Joseph, grandson Joe, and daughter-in-law Ruth.

Services will be held at Winchester Cemetery at 1:00 pm, Thursday, August 20, 2020. A celebration of life will take place on September 9, 2020, Thelma's 100th birthday. Time and location to be announced.

Very special thanks to the wonderful staff at Ascension at Home hospice care who provided such kindness and loving care to Thelma and her family.

Cemetery Details

Winchester Cemetery

Winchester, WI

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

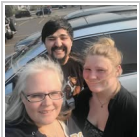
Winchester Cemetery
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Tribute Wall

DM

“ I was a summer resident of Winchester, WI for many years. I loved Thelma and enjoyed her very much. We went on a trip on a riverboat from Memphis to New Orleans and had a great time. I enjoyed seeing her working at the store for many years. She was a true Christian and a great friend to me. i prayed for her every day for many years here in Normal, Illinois. My sympathies to everyone in her family. She lived a long and happy life. Wilma Miller

Dr. Wilma Miller - September 11, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ I have so many wonderful memories of "Grandma T" going back to the store and post office in Winchester! She was truly a beautiful soul and will be missed by so many!



Jen Stough - August 21, 2020 at 09:38 PM

MP

“ Thelma was a special woman and so cheerful. Always good to see her out enjoying a trip to Culvers or a concert. Our sympathy to Thelma's family.

Margo & Bill Perkins

Margo Perkins - August 19, 2020 at 10:47 AM

MQ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Thelma's family. Thelma was an amazing woman, and will truly be missed. Mary Quass

Mary Quass - August 18, 2020 at 01:08 PM

RD

Prayers for all the family of Thelma Fairbanks. What a long and wonderul earthly life she was blessed with. God is good! Eternity with the Lord Jesus is her reward. God Bless.

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Rick Derrick - August 18, 2020 at 10:06 PM