



Clara Marie Woelber

July 21, 1930 - April 28, 2026

Clara Marie Woelber, age 95 of Mattoon, IL passed away on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

A funeral service in her honor will be held at 11:30 AM, Monday, May 4, 2026, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 200 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Pastor Andrew Herzberg will officiate. A committal service will immediately follow at Beals Cemetery in Trilla, IL. The visitation will be held from 9:30 AM until the time of service at the church.

Clara was born on July 21, 1930, in Cumberland County to the late Robert Eli and Nellie Grace (Morgan) Thompson. She married Richard Henry William Woelber on June 17, 1953, at Tyndall Air Force Base in Pensacola, FL: he preceded her in death on February 25, 2026. She is survived by two children, Janet Woelber and significant other Kesha Neal of Pawnee, IL, Steve Woelber and wife Sandy of Mattoon, IL; two grandchildren, Matt Woelber and wife Kassie of Charleston, IL, Kacey Rawlings and husband Hayden of Mattoon, IL; five great-grandchildren: Jaren Woelber, Gracie Wilson, Weldin Woelber, Avery and Nellie Rawlings; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Clara was a devoted member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Mattoon, where her faith and kindness were evident to all who knew her. She worked as a switchboard operator for Illinois Bell prior to starting a family and greatly enjoyed raising her children. Later, as her children grew older, she held positions with Farrier Construction, JC Penney in the catalog department, and Central National Bank.

Clara found great joy in life's simple pleasures, square dancing alongside her beloved husband, Rich, reading Amish romance novels, and spending time playing pinochle or Uno. She cherished her weekly "Old Lady Coffee" gatherings with dear friends from Trilla and had a deep love for music, often sharing her talent at the piano.

Above all, Clara will be remembered as a loving and dedicated mother and grandmother, whose warmth, laughter, and steady presence meant everything to her family.

Memorial donations in her honor may be made to the St. John's Lutheran Church Music Department.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with the family

Cemetery Details

Beals Cemetery

Trilla, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. John's Lutheran Church
200 Charleston Avenue
Mattoon, IL 61938

Service

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Tribute Wall

KC

“ *Kathi Cobble lit a candle in memory of Clara Marie Woelber*



kathi cobble - May 05 at 11:43 PM

CO

“ *Janet & family, Sorry to hear of your mom passing, it was always good to see both your mom and dad at church. Your mom and dad had a happy fun filled life together doing what they loved dancing and raising you kids God bless you and your family at this time you have my sympathy and prayers*
Connie Elder



Connie - May 02 at 02:02 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Clara Marie Woelber.*

May 01 at 03:41 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clara Marie Woelber.*



May 01 at 03:41 PM



“ Your Families in Iowa purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Clara Marie Woelber.



Your Families in Iowa - May 01 at 11:52 AM



“ Your Families in Iowa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clara Marie Woelber.

Your Families in Iowa - May 01 at 11:52 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clara Marie Woelber.



May 01 at 09:38 AM



“ I was in the square dance group with Clara and Rich. They were a nice couple and lots of fun.



Wanda Baker - May 01 at 12:51 AM