



Esther Zeola Serwise

November 23, 2026 - March 4, 2014

Mattoon, IL-Esther Zeola Serwise, age 87, of Mattoon, IL, passed away peacefully in her sleep, on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at the Odd-Fellow Rebekah Home. A celebration of life in her honor will begin at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 6, 2014, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938. Pastor Van Fronfelter and Pastor Steve Hayes will officiate. Interment will be in Resthaven Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Wednesday evening, March 5, 2014, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., at the funeral home.

Born November 23, 1926, in Elkhart, KS, Esther was the daughter of Lawrence P. and Laura May (Thompson) Fancher. She married Haran E. 'Ed' Serwise on June 28, 1947. He passed away May 15, 2008. Survivors include their daughter, Susan Janelle 'Jan' Kepley and husband Gary of Mattoon, IL; two grandsons, Christopher Kepley of Mattoon, IL, and Kirk Kepley and fianc' Brooke Craft of Mattoon, IL; two brothers, Larry Fancher and Jim Fancher, both of Texas; two sisters, Ethel Wooten of Texas, and Pattie Ryan of Michigan; and a sister-in-law, Frances Serwise of Peoria, IL. In addition to her loving husband of 59 years, she was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Lewis Fancher and Bill Fancher; and a sister, Edith Tingley.

Esther was a long time resident of Mattoon. A member of the First Assembly of God 'The Fields', she served as Sunday school teacher for more than 25 years, touching the lives of many precious children. Esther retired from Crawfords Manufacturing and after retirement enjoyed traveling with her husband and participating in craft shows. She loved to cook, sew, and talk.

She never met a stranger. \r\nMemorials in her honor may be made to the Mattoon Police Department for the Cops for Kids program or Wabash Fire Protection. \r\nPlease visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to share a memory with her family or light a virtual candle in her honor. \r\n

Tribute Wall



“ *Esther Zeola Serwise*

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