



## Rhea "Chris" Thompson

May 16, 2025 - September 5, 2006

Mattoon-Rhea Jean 'Chris' Thompson, age 81, of Mattoon, passed away at 2:30 pm on Tuesday, September 5, 2006 at the Odd Fellow Rebekah Home. The funeral service celebrating her life will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 9, 2006 at the First Presbyterian Church of Mattoon with Rev. Anne Jones officiating. Interment will be in Rest Haven Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held Friday evening from 5-7 pm at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home. Mrs. Thompson was born May 16, 1925, the daughter of Guy Ferrell and Ollie Effie (Reece) Christy. She married Robert L. Thompson in Terre Haute, IN on June 25, 1950. He passed away March 23, 2003. Survivors include her children, Stephen A. Thompson and his wife Kathy, of Mattoon, Gregory Mark Thompson and his wife Gloria, of Mattoon, and Douglas Kirk Thompson and his wife Debbie, of St. Louis, MO; her grandchildren, Bethany Lynn Thompson of Mattoon, Lindsey Leigh Thompson of Mattoon, Jordan Nicole Thompson of St. Louis, MO, and Daley Robert Thompson of St. Louis, MO; and one great-grandchild, Hannah Marie Poffinbarger. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Thompson was preceded in death by her parents and a sister. Mrs. Thompson was a member of the First Presbyterian Church since 1972. She and her husband had been partners in the Thompson Lincoln Mercury Auto Dealership. She had graduated from Lake Land College and earned her Masters in Education from Eastern Illinois University. She taught at the Terre Haute Business College. Before becoming a partner in the business, she had worked as a substitute

teacher for Mattoon and Charleston Schools. During their school days, she spent many hours supporting her sons' activities. For many years, she was an avid member of Jazzercise, a member of various Central Illinois ballroom dancing groups, and taught ballroom dancing and etiquette to children of middle school age. She was also a certified election judge. \r\n\r\nMrs. Thompson loved to travel and treasured time spent with family and friends. Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, 10 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938.

# Tribute Wall



“ Rhea "Chris" Thompson

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ Hello from Oklahoma, I will always remember Aunt Chris as the one who danced her way through life, light, breezy, cheery! She was like a sister to Mom and I always knew she cared for me! Wonderful memories!!! Your family was blessed! Love ya! Judy

JUDY PALMER FLATT - September 09, 2006 at 04:29 PM



“ Greg & Doug,\r\nYour mother was such a special lady. I have fond memories of our visits at Doug's games and the times your parents gave me rides to the games. Our prayers are with your families at this time. Cling to those wonderful memories that you all share.

Les, Michelle, Brandon & Cameron Hudson - September 08, 2006 at 02:15 PM



“ Thompson Cousins,\r\nKaren (Christy) Dunham let me know about your mom passing away. I am so glad we had the chance to finally meet her at our reunion in Terre Haute in May. Our sympathies and prayers are with you and your families. \r\nMarla, Joe, Niki and Trent Esser\r\n(cousins from the Christy Clan) \r\nEureka MO

Marla Johns Esser - September 08, 2006 at 10:37 AM



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Mr. & Mrs. Mark Stremming and family - September 08, 2006 at 08:33 AM