



## Thelma L. Whetsell

February 11, 1924 - February 3, 2019

Thelma L. Whetsell, age 94 of Mattoon, IL passed away 6:00 A.M., Sunday, February 3, 2019 at Odd-Fellow Rebekah Home in Mattoon, IL.

A funeral service in her honor will be held at 2:00 P.M., Friday, February 8, 2019 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938; Reverend Richard Eident will officiate with Reverend Robert Clark assisting. Burial will immediately follow at Dodge Grove Cemetery in Mattoon, IL. The visitation will be held the same day from 12:00 P.M. until the time of service at the funeral home.

Thelma was born on February 11, 1924 in Mattoon, IL to the late Dwight C. and Bessie L. (Kost) McKenzie. She married James W. Whetsell on December 30, 1944 in Mattoon, IL; he survives. Other survivors include their four children: Tony D. Whetsell of Taylorville, IL, Kayla L. Grissom and husband Fred of Mattoon, IL, Shawn M. Whetsell and wife Sandy of Sullivan, IL, Matt L. Whetsell and wife Jamie of Silver City, NM; nine grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. She is preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

Thelma was a lifelong member of First Christian Church in Mattoon, IL. She was devoted to her faith and served as a Deaconess, active member of Christian Women's Fellowship, Women Christian Temperance Union, and HIS

Sunday School Class. Thelma was a tireless and selfless volunteer within many community events, activities, and organizations such as American Red Cross Blood Donor, Mattoon Community Food Center, and Peace Meal. She was extremely talented in crafts, crocheting, and excellent seamstress work. Thelma was known for her love of Hershey chocolate and being “the best cook in the world.” She was loved greatly by all who knew her and she will be greatly missed.

Memorials in her honor may be made to St. Jude’s Children Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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# Cemetery Details

## Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street  
Mattoon, IL 61938

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 8. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.  
1200 Wabash Ave  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma L. Whetsell*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Just heard this news. We met Mr. and Mrs. Whetsell on our honeymoon cruise over 30 years ago. We had never traveled and were blessed to be paired with the Whetsells as our dinner guests each night. They were the kindest folks to us, and we stayed in touch with cards and notes for 30 years. Rest in peace, in the arms of the Father, Thelma. Much love. Jim and Dotty Bollinger*



**Dotty and Jim** - December 05, 2019 at 08:22 PM



“ *JanHaga And Families lit a candle in memory of Thelma L. Whetsell*



**JanHaga and families** - February 07, 2019 at 11:25 PM



“ *Trudy & Gene, Chuck & Deena, Kenna, Jimmy & family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Thelma L. Whetsell.*



**Trudy & Gene, Chuck & Deena, Kenna, Jimmy & family** -  
February 06, 2019 at 09:48 PM

HB

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Uncle Jim and our cousins Tony, Kayla, Shawn, and Matt. The passing of Aunt Thelma has left a huge hole in all of our hearts. Our forever memories of her will be her bright, warm smile and the everlasting love she had for everyone and everything. She will truly be missed by everyone.  
Trudy and Gene



Helen Beaudoin - February 06, 2019 at 09:29 PM

CW

“ Matt and family, so sad to hear that you lost your loving mother and grandmother. I can look forward to seeing her making pies in heaven. She was a very sweet lady. Connie and Mark

Connie Watts - February 05, 2019 at 10:58 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thelma L. Whetsell.



February 05, 2019 at 10:54 PM

LD

“ Louise Giberson Rhodes Dowling lit a candle  
in memory of Thelma L. Whetsell



Louise Giberson Rhodes Dowling - February 05, 2019 at 02:43 PM

LD

Such a wonderful aunt and i still carry her name

Louise Giberson Rhodes Dowling - February 05, 2019 at 02:46 PM

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Louise Giberson Rhodes Dowling - February 05, 2019 at 02:42 PM

LM

“ Lynn And Jud Mckenzie lit a candle in  
memory of Thelma L. Whetsell



lynn and jud mckenzie - February 05, 2019 at 11:04 AM

BM

“ *Barbara McLain lit a candle in memory of  
Thelma L. Whetsell*



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**Barbara McLain** - February 05, 2019 at 12:19 AM

MG

“ *Uncle Shawn.. I'm so sorry for the loss of your mom, she was such  
a sweet woman.. she will be watching over you.. we love you very  
much:  
Miri and family*

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**miri grose** - February 04, 2019 at 10:52 PM