



Verna Dean Ochs

February 16, 1934 - January 26, 2026

Verna Dean Ochs, age 91 of Mattoon, IL passed away Monday, January 26, 2026, at Copper Creek Cottages.

A funeral mass in her honor will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, January 31, 2026, at The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 320 N. 21st Street, Mattoon, IL 61938. The committal service will be held at 2:30 PM at Westlawn Memorial Park, Newton, IL 62448. The visitation will be held the same day from 9:00 AM until 10:30 AM at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Verna was born February 16, 1934, in Newton, IL to the late Everett V. and Gladys (Jackson) Birk. She married Maynard J. Ochs on October 16, 1954, at St. Thomas Church in Newton, IL; he preceded her in death on May 30, 2003. She is survived by her grandchildren, Nichole Colvin of Benton, IL, Brock Ochs of Charleston, IL; twelve great-grandchildren: Tate, Raylyn, Shelbie, Wade, Nathan, Jace, Jaxson, Nolan, Kayson, Paytin, lolana, Ellynor; two great great- grandchildren; nephew, Michael Birk and wife Cheryl of Grove City, Oh; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her son, Monte Ochs and one brother, Warren Birk.

Mrs. Ochs was employed at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. She attended the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Mattoon, IL. In her younger years, Verna enjoyed traveling with her husband and being an active mother in her sons' activities. As years passed, she loved the time spent with her growing family. Her hobbies included gardening and being devoted to her

puppies.

The family would like to express sincere gratitude to Copper Creek Cottages and Transitions Care for their endless compassion towards Mrs. Ochs.

Memorials in her honor may be made to Transitions Care, 3011A Village Office PL, Champaign, IL 61822 or Coles County Animal Shelter, 6818 N. County Rd 1120 E, Charleston, IL 61920.

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

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park

Newton, IL 62448

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.
1200 Wabash Ave
Mattoon, IL 61938
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Service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
320 N 21st St
Mattoon, IL 61938-2731
(217) 235-0539

Tribute Wall



“ 68 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - January 29 at 08:23 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Verna Dean Ochs*.



January 28 at 10:53 AM



“ *Suzanne* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Verna Dean Ochs*.

Suzanne - January 28 at 10:53 AM

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“ *Many years as her daughter n law loved her very much. Sorry I wont be able to be there to say goodbye.rest in peace verna.* ”



Lynne Ochs - January 27 at 11:54 AM

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“ *I worked with Verna for many years in the Purchasing department at SBL. Deepest condolences for the family during this difficult time.* ”

Janey Morton - January 26 at 09:51 PM