



Vivian L. Martin

September 12, 1930 - January 11, 2021

Vivian L. Martin, age 90 of Mattoon, IL passed away at 4:09 AM, Monday, January 11, 2021 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL. A private burial will take place Thursday, January 14, 2020 at Dodge Grove Cemetery in Mattoon, IL. A memorial service in her honor will be held at the First Baptist Church, 1804 South 9th Street, Mattoon, IL 61938 at a later date. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of the services.

Vivian was born on September 12, 1930 in San Ridge, IL the daughter of the late Otto Porter and E. Mae Neace. She married James Robert Martin on August 24, 1950 in Murphysboro, IL. He passed away on December 21, 2020. She is survived by her children, Robert Martin (Tracy) of Mattoon, IL, Judy Jines of Mattoon, IL, Elizabeth Jones of Mattoon, IL; four grandchildren, Leana Koontz (Josh) of Charleston, IL, Ryan Donaldson (Shannon) of Urbana, IL, Sean Jones (Payge) of Lino Lakes, MN, Vanessa Hunter of Mattoon, IL; five great-grandchildren, Willow, Indy, Lincoln, Watson, and Xander; her sisters, Ruby Martin (Ralph) of Vienna, IL and Jo Gassel of Crest Hill, IL. She is preceded in death by her siblings: Paul Porter, Dorothy Gunn, Anna Marie Connor, Evelyn Marable, Bud Porter; and one brother-in-law, Frank Gassel.

Vivian was a devout member of the First Baptist Church in Mattoon, IL where she actively served the Lord as a Sunday School teacher for many years. Known for her selflessness, Vivian will be remembered for her philanthropy

work and all the students lives she touched throughout the years as a teacher in Mattoon Community School District #2 for Grant Park, Franklin, and Hawthorne Schools. Teaching was her passion.

She was a talented seamstress, needle-pointer, and quilter. Vivian was a long-time member of a quilting group, making quilts for families in need, and reaching her goal of making one hundred quilts in her lifetime.

Memorials in her honor may be made to donor's choice.

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

Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street
Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Private Service

JAN 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Vivian L. Martin*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



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Charlene - January 15, 2021 at 12:16 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Vivian's death. I worked in the Mattoon schools at the same time as Vivian and Jim. I became better acquainted with her as I also took up quilting after retirement. We did a lot of "quilt talking" as Elmer and Jim were both Lions and we also both were part of the First Baptist church family. We started a quilt group at church the past few years and I always included her in our emails through she was not able to attend. I'm sure your family has many wonderful memories to fall back on. Myrna Voudrie*

Myrna Voudrie - January 14, 2021 at 09:19 PM

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Charlene - January 15, 2021 at 12:14 PM

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Vivian was a wonderful sister-in-law. During her over 70 years of marriage to my brother Jim, we were the recipients of her great letters, warm hospitality, and stimulating conversations. For the last couple of years although she was very sick herself, she made sure our brother had the best care possible and that my sister and I were kept up-to-date. Her devoted children and grandchildren helped her accomplish this. Her phone calls and frequent letters had to be difficult, but she was determined to share. The last time I talked to her she was saying she must get out their Christmas cards. She did. We received our 71st Christmas card from Jim and Vivian mailed with love. It was mailed at 4 pm on the day that Jim died that night.

Sue Glasco - January 16, 2021 at 11:43 AM