



Alta Gene (Hutchison) Chipley

May 18, 1931 - June 8, 2020

Alta Gene (Hutchison) Chipley, 89 years old, of Boonville, Missouri died Monday, June 8, 2020.

Alta was born May 18, 1931 near Fortuna, Missouri to Edgar “Cap” and Josephine “Josie” Hutchison. She married Billy John Chipley on August 3, 1951 at the Versailles Christian Church. After graduating from Versailles High School, Alta was employed in the office of Primo Pants Company. In 1964, with her husband’s transfer, they moved to Boonville, Missouri. She worked as a program clerk at the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office until her retirement. And at one time, she claimed to know every farmer in Cooper County by their first name.

As a longtime member of Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church, Alta taught Sunday and Bible School, participated in the women’s Circle, kept the financial records, and enjoyed the fellowship of so many wonderful friends.

Alta was a 4H leader teaching others the basics of sewing and baking. After her daughters left home, she took up quilting and pieced at least 100 quilts, donating many to friends, family, and good causes.

As an active member of the Cooper County Historical Society, Alta spent countless hours advocating for the restoration of the Katy Bridge and helping

others with genealogy research. She was also active in the New Lebanon Preservation Society.

Alta spent many fun-filled hours down at “the farm” teaching her grandchildren to pick berries, fish, skip rocks, and appreciate nature. So even tempered, she saw the good in everyone. She lived a long wonderful life and is greatly loved.

Alta is survived by her husband, John, and two daughters, Jill (Jim) Quigley of Lenexa, KS and Mary (Rob) Stoecklein of St. Charles, MO. She is also survived by 5 grandchildren: Matt (Kim) Quigley of Chicago, IL; Andrew (Moana) Quigley of Santa Monica, CA; Joe (Jen) Stoecklein of Ballwin, MO; Emily (Ty) Huckaby of Golden, CO; Anna (Patrick) Lau of London, England and 3 great-grandchildren: Caleb and Zoe Quigley and Jack Stoecklein. Alta is also survived by two sisters: Velma Jones of Lenexa, KS and Betty (Aubrey) Huffman of Versailles, MO and one brother: Dave Hutchison of Boonville, MO.

She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers, Richard, Leo, Elvin, W.D. “Dub” and Jim and one sister, Donna Slagle.

Due to the covid-19 pandemic, services will be limited to a graveside service at Versailles Cemetery in Versailles, MO at 2:30pm Saturday, June 13th. While open to all who wish to attend, social distancing guidelines will apply. A celebration of Alta’s life is planned when conditions allow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Nelson Memorial United Methodist Church (407 E. Spring Street, Boonville, MO 65233) or Cooper County Historical Society (111 Roe Street, Pilot Grove, MO 65276).

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road
Versailles, MO 65084

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 13. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LV

“ So sorry to learn of Alta's passing. I have such fond memories of her and John while growing up, and I think of them often. Both such wonderful and kind people. Thanking of you all during this difficult time.

Lisa Kempf VanHoose - June 18, 2020 at 02:17 PM

MW

“ Sorry to hear about Alta passing.we was neirhor for a many of years.Alta was a Beautiful person.sorry to hear about her passing.Hasnt seem the girls in years.



Mary Lou wright - June 15, 2020 at 11:49 PM

CV

“ Colleen VanDillen sent a virtual gift in memory of Alta Gene (Hutchison) Chipley



Colleen VanDillen - June 14, 2020 at 05:58 PM

CV

We remember your Mom always at the kids games in Columbia Mary. She was a kind, lovely Mom and Grandma. So sorry for your loss and we will keep you and your Dad in our prayers.

Colleen VanDillen - June 14, 2020 at 06:00 PM

JM

Your Mom was such a calm, kind, loving person. The world is better for having her in it.

Jill McGuire - June 14, 2020 at 07:17 PM

KH

“ *So many wonderful memories of our early days spent at your childhood home. Your mom was the sweetest person and I will always remember her fondly. May you find comfort in your memories of good times spent together. Thinking of you all during this difficult time.*

Kimberly Haller - June 14, 2020 at 11:08 AM

JH

“ *Oh, Jill, I always LOVED being around your mother as a kid and she was my contact to find out about you and your family through the years.*

I know she's thrown off all the cares of this world, but us who remain are fractured by the loss... I know.

Please know that I'm praying for you, all your family, Mary and her family and your Dad. Him especially because I've been there.

Please let me know if there is anything at all I can do for you. I'm only a phone call away.

*Much love,
JoRene*

JoRene Howard - June 11, 2020 at 12:32 PM

ST

“ *My sincere condolences at the loss of your Mother and spouse. Many fond memories of days spent at your home. May God bless you all through this difficult time and in the days to come may all your fond memories bring joy to your heart. Love you all, Susan Templemire*

Susan Templemire - June 11, 2020 at 10:24 AM