



Esther Ellen Ensminger

November 22, 1923 - June 8, 2017

Esther Ellen Ensminger, age 93, of Sedalia, passed away Thursday, June 8, 2017, at the Good Samaritan Care Center in Cole Camp. She was born November 22, 1923, in Newark, Ohio, a daughter of the late Robert and Alma (Foster) Hafer.

On July 25, 1944, in Versailles, she was united in marriage to Ira E. "Jack" Ensminger, who preceded her in death on October 24, 2013.

Esther was an active member of the Calvary Baptist Church and the Jolly Elders both in Sedalia.

She enjoyed crocheting, sewing and taking day trips with her daughters. Most of all, she enjoyed the company of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and treasured the time she spent with them.

She is survived by her daughters, Theila Luetjen and husband Rodger of Cole Camp, Missouri, Ellen Howery and husband Larry of Osage Beach, Missouri and Elaine Tipton of Springfield, Missouri; grandchildren, Sara Dunn, Amy Kaiser, Eric Luetjen, Caleb Campbell, Courtney Thrasher, Wesley Tipton and Wendy Tipton-Eagon; great-grandchildren, Auric, Jacob and Michael Brockfeld, Hans, Hugh, Dasch, Krue and Clarke Kaiser, Matthew and Macy Luetjen, Brendan and Joseph Campbell, Sydnee and Autumn Thrasher, Brady

Tipton and Leamon Eagon; her sister, Revah Stokes of Salina, Kansas and many other relatives and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Sheila Sue Ensminger, a brother, Earl Hafer and her sisters, Helen Hafer, Hazel Marie Ward and Emily Holden.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, June 11th, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles with Reverend Ted Francis officiating. Graveside services and interment will follow in the Versailles Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Saturday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Grateful Patient Program, Thompson Center for Autism Research, One Hospital Drive DC066.0, Columbia, Missouri 65212, the Versailles Cemetery Association or the Calvary Baptist Church of Sedalia.

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

Visitation

JUN 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Service

JUN 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TK

“ Our thoughts are with you in the passing of Esther. Her picture reminds me so much of her sister, Hazel Ward. My aunt and uncle, Clarence and Agnes Jenkins, were good friends of the Wards and of your parents. Uncle Clarence and your father had coon dogs and hunted coons, as I recall. May your memories comfort you during this time.



Tom & Yvonne Kerr - June 12, 2017 at 07:59 AM

JC

That is my grandmother

Joseph Campbell - April 10, 2020 at 06:44 PM

JJ

“ Jim & Jackie Jobe lit a candle in memory of Esther Ellen Ensminger



Jim & Jackie Jobe - June 11, 2017 at 01:34 PM

LF

“ Laraine Forth lit a candle in memory of Esther Ellen Ensminger



Laraine Forth - June 11, 2017 at 09:01 AM

MS

“ *Esther was such a sweet woman and it was a blessing getting to know her while taking care of your dad and then her! My thoughts and prayers are with you all!*
Melissa Scheel

Melissa Scheel - June 10, 2017 at 08:47 PM

PA

“ *Paul lit a candle in memory of Esther Ellen Ensminger*



Paul - June 10, 2017 at 02:59 PM

RP

“ *When I was growing up in Versailles, Esther was like a mother to me...Theila was my best friend. Esther was so very sweet and kind to me. I spent many nights at Theila's having slumber parties, and Esther always made the most delicious food for us to eat. I especially loved her pancakes and her blackberry cobbler. Memories!!! May you rest in peace Esther, you have left behind many wonderful memories of yourself for you friends to remember forever. Roberta (LaRue) Pataky. Coeur d'Alene, Idaho*

Roberta Pataky - June 10, 2017 at 11:50 AM

JM

“ *Theila, Ellen, and Elaine please know that you are in our prayers. It was a joy to know your mother and a privilege when I "wheeled" her from BRHC. May God be ever close to comfort all of your family. Our love, Jim & Joyce Monroe*

Joyce Monroe - June 10, 2017 at 09:43 AM

JE

“ *She was my mother's best friend. There was never a time in my life without Esther. She will always be loved as a part of our family. Blessings to you all.*



Jenny - June 09, 2017 at 09:30 PM

MG

“ *Marleen Gerber-Baker lit a candle in memory of Esther Ellen Ensminger*



Marleen Gerber-Baker - June 09, 2017 at 12:21 PM

MA

I have a VERY fond place in my heart for Esther because I had passed by her house and she showed me her new born kittens! I was 7 years old! I told my mom and she said NO to the idea of me getting a kitten! The next day or two, Mrs. Ensminger brought a kitten to our house and my mother saw the look on my face and said YES.... I have had many cats since then and loved them dearly.....rest in peace lovely lady! You brought much joy to my life through my cats!! Thank you!!!

Mollie Hall Allen - June 10, 2017 at 08:03 AM