



Elsie Mae Rueter

September 20, 1933 - August 1, 2013

Elsie Mae Rueter, 79, of Winchester went to her Heavenly home, on Thursday afternoon, August 1, 2013 at St. John's Hospice in Springfield after suffering a stroke. She was born on September 20, 1933 in Carrollton, Illinois; the daughter of Frank and Lillian Badman. She married Jack L. Rueter on October 26, 1951. He preceded her in death on August 28, 2001.

She is survived by one daughter, Linda (husband, Michael) Clifford of Folsom, California; three sons, Paul (wife, Karen) Rueter; Jay (fiancée, Melanie Nash) Rueter, both of Winchester and Mike (wife, Melanie) Rueter of Manchester; fourteen grandchildren, Marcus Norris, Melissa (Larry) Kamp, Kerian (Sean) Katz, Aaron (Heather) Clifford, Matt (Karen) Rueter, Curtis (Alaina) Rueter, Alex Rueter, Mariah (Scott) Lomelino, Brady (Mallory) Rueter, Tressa (fiancée Clint Everetts) Rueter, Jerrid (Bridget) Beckman, Austin Rueter, Alexis Nash, Sara Nash; and eleven great-grandchildren; one sister Lucy Welsh of Winchester, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two sisters Mary Welch and Martha Pile and one brother, Earl Badman. Elsie was a member of the Manchester Baptist Church where she was active with Bible School and helped plan numerous bereavement dinners.

Her life revolved around God and family. Jack and Elsie started their lives together farming in rural Scott County. In the 1960s, Elsie instilled her love of music in her children and formed the gospel music quartet, "The Singing R's". For several years they traveled and performed at numerous churches and community gatherings. "The Chosen Ones" are an outgrowth of the quartet, continuing the passion of gospel music today.

In the 1970s Elsie owned and operated "The Greenery" adjacent to their home east of Winchester. Elsie's flower arrangement talents included judging at fairs, most notably the Illinois State Fair. Elsie's gifts also included sewing; as she was an excellent seamstress, providing alternations for many area customers up to her final days.

Elsie shared with many, her culinary skills. Last Thanksgiving a new tradition was started in the Rueter family with a traditional fried chicken dinner, using her recipe and teaching

family the art of frying chicken. Almost weekly she delivered her famous “monkey bread” for the staff to enjoy at Marshall Chevrolet, her sons' place of business. Elsie touched many lives.

Memorials may be made to the Scott County 4-H Junior Fair, Manchester Baptist Church or the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Winchester City Cemetery

Cherry Street
Winchester, IL 62694

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Daws Family Funeral Home - Winchester
657 N. Main
Winchester, IL 62694
(217) 742-9553
mackeydawsfuneralhome@yahoo.com

Service

AUG 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

MANCHESTER BAPTIST CHURCH
MANCHESTER, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Elsie Mae Rueter*

January 28, 2023 at 11:11 AM

RS

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. She was cherished by everyone. Prayers for everyone !!!*

Roger & Donna Standley

Roger & Donna Standley - August 05, 2013 at 09:40 AM

BM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Rueter family. She was such a sweet lady. Love to all.*

Mike and Bonnie Minett

Bonnie Minett - August 04, 2013 at 07:23 PM

GE

“ *Debbie and I enjoyed the visits with Elsie when she worked at the Christian Bookstore.*

We send our condolences to all the family. May God comfort you as only he can.

Gary & Debbie Evans

Gary & Debbie Evans - August 04, 2013 at 06:10 PM

EB

“ *It's a sad time here on earth for all who had the great good fortune to cross paths with Elsie.....but those that became friends with Elsie were the most fortunate !!! ELSIE WAS WITHOUT A DOUBT THE SWEETEST KINDEST MOST COMPASSIONATE LADY IN SCOTT COUNTY.....SHE HAD A TRUE CHRISTIAN LOVE FOR EVERYONE SHE MET !!! I remember working for Elsie & Jack on the farm.....you would have thought I was family from the way I was treated !!! A LOT OF FOLKS BENEFITED FROM THE KINDNESS OF "ELSIE MAE RUETER" & NEVER HAD THE SLIGHTEST IDEA OF THE SOURCE OF THE KINDNESS RECEIVED !!! "GO REST HIGH ON THAT MOUNTAIN SWEET LADY.....YOU HAVE EARNED YOUR ETERNAL REST WITH ALL OF THE OTHER SAINTS !!!*

Earl Bryan - August 03, 2013 at 06:29 AM

JH

We are so sorry to hear of Elsie passing. What great lady. Our prays are with you & the whole Family. Sorry we could not make it to the Funeral but Jim is laid up.GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU. Jim & Fritzie Harper.

Jim & Fritzie Harper. - August 05, 2013 at 01:06 PM

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“ *David And Janet Dorn lit a candle in memory of Elsie Mae Rueter*



David and Janet Dorn - August 02, 2013 at 08:58 PM