



## Orpha L. Nelan

January 18, 1939 - August 20, 2021

Orpha L. Nelan, 82, of East Peoria, passed away on Friday, August 20, 2021, at Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria. She was born on January 18, 1939, to George and Matilda (Harms) Silber in Buffalo Center, IA. She married William "Bill" Nelan on October 20, 1957, in East Peoria; he preceded her in death on September 11, 2018.

She is survived by her son Mark (Bridget) Nelan of Germantown Hills; two daughters, Susan (Bennett) Hayes of Brimfield and Natalie (Jason Krey) Nelan of Peoria; her sister, Jan (Chuck) Munter of Green Valley, AZ; and four grandsons, Rob, Lee (Ashley), Joe, and Jake Nelan.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Don Silber.

Orpha graduated from EPCHS Class of 1957 and continued many of the friendships she made throughout her life.

Orpha was an avid knitter, quilter and seamstress and shared her beautiful creations with many. She will be missed.

Private burial will be at Fondulac Cemetery. Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the family.

Memorial contributions may be made in Orpha's name to the Dream Center Peoria, 714 Hamilton Blvd., Peoria IL 61603. Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fondulac Cemetery

1985 E. Washington Street  
East Peoria, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Orpha L. Nelan*

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy to all of Orpha's family and friends. Orpha and I were stitch-sisters in the Knitting Guild. I have many wonderful memories from our time there. May you be comforted by the thoughts and prayers offered and by your memories.*  
*Muriel McKee*

**Muriel McKee** - September 01, 2021 at 07:47 AM



“ *I was a friend and class mate of Orpha during our school years. She was a good friend and she will be missed. My thoughts and prayers for the family.* *Marie Switzer Smith*

**Marie Smith** - August 27, 2021 at 11:19 PM



“ *We were glad to have her as part of our community at the Villas of Holly Brook in East Peoria. She will be missed by all of us.*

*- Villas of Holly Brook East Peoria Staff*

**Villas of Holly Brook** - August 24, 2021 at 12:40 PM

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“ I knew Orpha thru Knit guild and knitting groups for years. She was such a sweet and lovely person to be with- I always looked forward to her presence, full of beautiful smiles and fun conversation. Her gift of knitting and quilting were so obvious in her projects, works of art. She was so generous in sharing her knowledge and experience. My favorite project she knit was her sweater of many colors and textures!

ORPHA is sorely missed by many. May her family and friends find peace in their fond memories of her. 🌸🙏💕

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Sue - August 24, 2021 at 12:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Orpha L. Nelan.



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August 23, 2021 at 09:38 PM