



Mrs. Wava L. White

October 25, 1924 - January 28, 2019

Wava L. White, 94, of East Peoria passed on at 11:25 AM on Monday, January 28, 2019 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center surrounded by family. She was born on October 25, 1924 in Nind, MO to Ira and Anna (Pitts) Wood. She married Curtis Hill on February 7, 1942 in Missouri. He preceded her in death on August 30, 1977. She later married James White on February 14, 1981 in East Peoria who brought so much love and joy to her life. He was taken from her far too soon on February 5, 1995. Wava is survived by her daughter-in-law Diane Hill of East Peoria whose love and support enabled Wava to remain in her home; 2 step-sons Terry (Diane) White of Metamora and Michael (Pam) White of Creve Coeur; 7 grandchildren Melissa (Alex) Finney of Peoria, Crystal Hill of East Peoria, Patricia Hill of Peoria, Bryan Hill of St. Charles, MO, Stacey (Mike) Brown of Riverside, IA, Kimberly Dodd of Creve Coeur and Daniel Hill of O'Fallon, MO; 4 great-grandchildren Victoria Tillery, Max Finney, Jenna Tillery and Emma Finney; and many step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by all of her children Gary Hill, Ronald Hill, Richard Hill and Mary Lou Dodd, 1 granddaughter Helen Hill and 9 siblings. Wava was very devoted to her family and loved visiting with everyone. She loved dancing, especially country western, and bowling with her husband Jim. Wava enjoyed going shopping with her sister, Ruby, and buying the blouse that she just had to have. She also enjoyed playing the piano, attending church, observing the hummingbirds and watching game shows, especially Wheel of Fortune. Wava loved her

sweets – always asking for a little sliver because we don't need very much. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Creve Coeur for over 60 years. Her faith was very important to her and carried her through the loss of her loved ones. She is rejoicing now that she is with Jesus and reunited with her children and Jim. Service for Wava will be at 11 AM on Friday, February 1, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 444 E. Washington St., East Peoria, with a visitation an hour prior. Burial will follow the service at Fondulac Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Theresa Tracy Strive to Survive, a charity important to Wava. To donate please go to www.theresatracytrot.com or PO Box 2464 East Peoria, IL 61611, this charity is a nonprofit charity.

Cemetery Details

Fondulac Cemetery

1985 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services
444 E. Washington Street
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Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Wava L. White



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - February 01, 2019 at 05:09 PM



“ Mrs. Wava L. White

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



Donna Dickey

“ I worked with Wava around 1980 at Sears drapery workroom in E.P. Such a nice lady and a joy to be around. I have only seen her a few times since, most recently at McDonalds .I was surprised to read she was 94 as she seemed much younger, Sorry for your loss of such a wonderful lady,
Donna Dickey

Donna Dickey - February 02, 2019 at 09:15 AM

CH

Donna - thank you for the kind words for Grandma.

Crystal Hill - February 06, 2019 at 07:21 PM

LK

“ *Larry & Marsha Day.....Rick & Kim Kolarich purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Wava L. White.*



Larry & Marsha Day.....Rick & Kim Kolarich - January 31, 2019 at 03:37 PM

CB

“ *Diane and family: My sincere condolences. I did not know Wava personally but I sure know what a fine family she has.*

charlie Bovee - January 30, 2019 at 03:07 PM

CH

Thank you "Son"! She is now with Dad and all the others that went before her.

Crystal Hill - February 06, 2019 at 07:22 PM

AS

“ *Dear Diane & Family, Wava was such a wonderful lady and I feel so fortunate to have known her. Sending peace and warm thoughts to you all. With sympathy, Amy Schelkopf, Activity Director (from Fondulac)*

Amy Schelkopf - January 30, 2019 at 02:32 PM

CH

Thank you Amy! She always enjoyed seeing you when we went to visit Aunt Ruby.

Crystal Hill - February 06, 2019 at 07:23 PM

EP

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Elaine Pesch - January 30, 2019 at 01:51 PM



“ 30 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - January 30, 2019 at 12:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Wava L. White.



January 30, 2019 at 10:21 AM

LS

“ Our thoughts are with all of you. It is difficult to accept the fact that Aunt Wava is gone but she was such a special person and we are all better for having her in our life. Her strength was amazing as was her faith. Diane we'll always appreciate everything you did for and with her and those of you that were privileged to call her “grandma” how blessed you were to have her. She has been reunited with so many loved ones that have gone before her and no longer suffers any pain, and we will have to be content with wonderful memories of her. Our sincere sympathy to all of you. Love, Leo and Sandy

Leo & Sandra Short - January 30, 2019 at 06:47 AM

CA

“ To all the family of Wava, the angels in heaven are rejoicing for her arrival. I've known Wava for about 64 years. Mary and I were "besties" and we were back and forth in each other's home. I can imagine the hugging going on with Wava and Mary. Wava was always so kind and caring. I know your grief is deep but keep her memory alive by celebrating her love for each of you. Connie

Connie Anderson - January 29, 2019 at 09:39 PM