



Alberta Whitson

December 2, 1915 - September 11, 2009

Alberta Whitson, age 93 of Albia died Friday September 11, 2009, at the Monroe Care Center in Albia.

Alberta was born December 2, 1915, in Avery, to Angelo and Delitta (Del Vesco) Sebben. She married Cecil Whitson on January 2, 1937 in Albia. They were blessed with 54 years of marriage and six children. Cecil died at the age of 79, on August 3, 1991.

Alberta was a homemaker, raising her family, and worked at Smith Laundry. Alberta was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Cecil; one son, Steven Whitson; one granddaughter; one great grandson; four brothers; and five sisters.

Alberta is survived by four sons, Larry (Phyllis) Whitson of Albia, Jerry Whitson of Melrose, Philip (Diane) Whitson of Albia, and Wayne Whitson of Louisville, KY; and one daughter, Carolyn (Jim) Plum of Albia. Alberta is also survived by 18 grandchildren; 33 great grandchildren; 10 great great grandchildren; and one sister, Harriet Ethell of Knoxville.

Tribute Wall



“ *Alberta Whitson*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Alberta Whitson*

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“ *If love could have saved you
you would have lived forever.*

Phyllis Whitson - March 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *When mom told me of the memories and times with (great)
grandma Whitson in Iowa it would remind me of my own
grandparents and the feeling of family that stays with you forever.
Though I didn't get to know her well I love her and thank her for all
she's given us.*

John Gardner - September 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Carolyn, Jim, Larry, and Phyllis*

*Jim and I want to extend our sympathy to you at this time. You will
be in our prayers.*

Alyce and Jim Chance - September 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Wish I could be there to give everyone great big hugs! Prayers go out to everyone there - I'm so glad my kids got to know their great-GREAT Grandma! Many memories growing up and visiting Iowa will always have Great-Grandma in them - she will be missed.

Melissa McConnell - September 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Grandma Whitson,
I have so many great memories of our visits to Albia. I am so glad my kids got to meet their Great Grandma Whitson.
You were loved and you will be missed.

Jim Plum Jr. - September 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ My sympathy to the Whitson family. Pam, after reading the condolences from everyone about your Grandma, it makes me realize how much I miss my hometown and the old neighborhood! I remember coming over to your house and going to your Grandma's and all the great smells, the tomatoes, corn, and the tea! I am sure she is at peace now with your Grandpa and Steve. From: Cindy Johnson

cindy johnson - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ I have many good memories of my Grandma from childhood, but the very best is remembering how she would always defend me when I was getting scolded or picked on! She always said or did something to make me feel better. It makes me happy to see her in my mother, my sister, my daughter and even myself. She was a wonderful woman and I loved her very much.

Theresa Plum - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the entire Whitson family. Though I only met grandma Whitson one time I truly felt that I have known her a long time. She was a true matriarch of a great family. God rest your soul as your spirit will live on in all of us.

tom halleman - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ As kids, our annual summer visits to Iowa were full of anticipation, and our first stop was always to Grandma & Grandpa Whitson's. Grandma always had a huge pot roast dinner waiting for us (she used to say it was just a little something, no big deal, but it was to us). I can still see the pitcher she filled w/sweet iced tea. I try to come close w/mine, but it never did her's justice. I remember one day, Grandma was in the kitchen canning tomatoes. W/such patience she taught me the canning process. That might seem like a small feat, but to me it meant the world. Other memories include snapping green beans outside, playing w/her Avon bottle collection, her trying to keep our uncles cussing to a minimum (as if that was possible!:) & just sitting & talking. I still hear her classic, "Well I'll be darned" in my mind. Grandma, we may have lived a 1,000 miles apart but distance was no rival to the many beautiful memories of you. I love you, I miss you, and I wish you peace.

Laura (Plum) Halleman - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I have so many memories of arriving at Grandma Whitson's house after a long 2 day trip in a station wagon with my family. She always remembered that I was the only grandchild that didn't like tea (that has completely changed now) and always had something special waiting for me. What I remember most is the comfort of her big hugs, the scent of Dove soap, slipping into fresh, clean sheets at night and listening to the trains come by and feeling like I was home. Oh, and I can't forget Grandma's gentle scolding of my uncles and Grandpa when they'd cuss in front of us kids. :-) I see so much of Grandma in my Mom and even myself and that's a good thing. Love you, Grandma! I'll miss you but I know that you are with Grandpa and Uncle Steve and that gives me great comfort.

Katy Schwingle - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Grandma Whitson memories include Sweeeet Tea like no other, Dove soap, sweet pickles, strawberry preserves, hummingbirds, and the best smelling sheets in the world. But the best memory will always be that twinkle in her eyes and the big hugs when we had to leave to head back East, after our annual summer visits. We could always be sure Grandma would stand there and wave until we were out of her sight. We will miss you Grandma..

Angie Mort - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ We are thinking of all of you. Carolyn, I remember going with you to your mom's house when we were visiting and she was such a great lady. Our prayers are with you all.

Love

Ron and Shirley Besst - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Grandma - I will cherish the years growing up next door to you, Kids that don't have that advantage, do not have a clue, Of the special love, affection and bonding that is there, Even though as a child you're unaware, As I matured and looked back on the years, We were kids with no fears, I'll always remember: Your birthday in December, Friday as your baking bread day, Rushing home to eat fried bread, cinnamon and sugar pie crust and buns, not to play; You telling Steve to "Leave those girls alone", When he'd beat up on us just for fun, Your sweet tea, no one ever came close to yours, What we could and could not do on your hardwood floors, I hated to see you leave, But know you will fly high, To see Grandpa and Steve, Because you have the wind beneath your wings. Love, Pam

Pam Teno - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Great-Grandma was a person with family values that exceeded anyone I've ever met! Her cooking was done with care, and her house was a home to the people that wanted to share a story, a cookie, or just a good laugh. I remember many times mowing the yard when I was young and she'd be right out there with you keeping busy and at the same time keeping an eye on me. When I grew older, my wrestling became important and even though she wasn't there she always had an ear to the radio keeping track of me. I could write pages about Great-Grandma! She was always about family, friends, values and I'll miss you Great-Grandma! Love always, Jeremy

Jeremy Bricker - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Great Grandma Whitson was a great and loving person. She always had open arms to us kids as we grew up. Offering us a blank page to color on or some dominos to stack. She would also offer us sweat tea after we had helped her pull weeds in her garden that she loved so much. We also made a lot of candy money in the process. I will miss her.

Joe Bricker - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ PHIL, SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR MOM MAY SHE REST IN PEACE,

ED MCGINN - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ My condolences to Larry, Carolyn, Jerry, Phil, Wayne and the whole Whitson family.
My prayers are with you during this time of loss.
Aunt Alberta was always a very kind and welcoming person who made me feel at home any time I came to visit. Her hospitality and great cooking always seemed larger than life. I will always treasure the memories of our visits and will always miss her.

*God Bless You
John Whitson*

John Whitson - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ We'll miss you, Great Grandma. You may have passed on but, your smile lives on in the smiles I still see everyday on the faces of my Grandma Carolyn, my uncle Jimmy, and even my brother Jeff. May you rest peacefully.

Jerry Smoot, Jr. - September 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Our prayers and sympathy to the Whitson family. We feel like we knew Alberta from all the stories shared with us in the office from Phyllis and Pam. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time, you will find peace in knowing she and Cecil are together again.*

Don & Mary Carr

Don & Mary Carr - September 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM