



Dorothy Marie Heaton

December 13, 1936 - January 24, 2022

Dorothy Marie Heaton, age 85, of Hiteman, IA, passed away on Monday, January 24, 2022, at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

Dorothy was born on December 13, 1936, at home on the family farm in Hiteman to Joseph and Mary (Thomas) Starcevic. She grew up attending school and graduated from the Albia High School. On June 23, 1962, she was united in marriage to DeWayne Heaton at the First Christian Church in Albia and to this union, 2 sons were born, Wayne and Troy. Dorothy and DeWayne shared 27 years of marriage prior to DeWayne's passing in 1989.

Following high school, Dorothy worked in Des Moines. She returned to Albia and was a secretary for REA (which later became REC). After raising her children, Dorothy went to work at Chicago Rivet. She finished her career at Monroe Care Center where she worked in housekeeping, retiring in June of 1997.

Dorothy enjoyed being outdoors, sitting on her front porch and doing yardwork, which she did into her 80's. She loved animals and enjoyed all the neighborhood pets. She was a great cook and loved making monkey bread and bacon for her grandchildren. She was very caring and treated her daughters-in-law, Lynn and Julie, as her own daughters. Dorothy's true joy in life was her grandchildren, who affectionately called her "Grandma D." She

loved attending all of their events, keeping up with all of their activities, and clipping the newspaper articles they were in. Family was everything to Dorothy and she cherished all of the time spent with them.

Dorothy is survived by 2 children, Wayne (Lynn) Heaton and Troy (Julie) Heaton; 4 grandchildren, Erin, Jay, Ryan, and Logan; a brother, Francis (Virgene) Starcevic; 3 sisters-in-law, Donna Starcevic, Judy Clark, and Janet (Jim) French; and a brother-in-law, Marvin (Ellen) Heaton. Dorothy is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, DeWayne; her parents, Joseph and Mary Starcevic; a sister, Rosella Bettis; and 2 brothers, George and Jim Starcevic.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2022, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Dorothy's family present from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 28, 2022, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Roger Henry officiating. Burial will follow services at Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

An open memorial has been established to the family.

Cemetery Details

Oak View Cemetery

602 2nd Ave.
Albia, IA 52531

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 28. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Marie Heaton*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Dorothy Marie Heaton*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Dorothy Marie Heaton.*



January 25, 2022 at 12:25 PM