



Lelah Mae Marlin

December 18, 1927 - August 15, 2019

Lelah Mae Marlin, age 91, of Albia, passed away on Thursday, August 15, 2019, at Monroe Care Center in Albia.

Lelah was born on December 18, 1927, in Rathbun, IA, to Lyndon Luse and Celia Janet (Broshar) McDanel. She grew up and attended school in Moravia, graduating with the Class of 1945. On December 22, 1945, she married John Henry Marlin Jr. at the Methodist Church Parsonage in Albia. To this union, 4 children were born, Thomas, Terri, Victoria, and Steven. Lelah and John shared 73 years of marriage prior to her passing.

Lelah managed Spurgeons, a women's clothing and candy store, in Albia, before going to work for First Iowa State Bank for 30 years where she retired as Auditor. Lelah was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia and was very active in the Women's Group there. She assisted with kitchen responsibilities; Action, Education & Interpretation; Social Action; taught Sunday School for 3-5 year olds; Staff and Pastor Parish relations; served on the Trust Committee and the Communion Committee; was President of Martha Circle; served on the Memorial Committee and was involved in the Quilter's group. Lelah was also on the board for the Carnegie-Evans Albia Public Library.

Lelah and John have wintered in Weslaco, Texas for 18 years. They enjoyed

traveling, including to Hawaii and the World's Fair. She was a member of the Dancing Grannies and won numerous awards with the group. Lelah and John also enjoyed weekly card games with their friends.

Lelah is survived by her husband, John; 2 children, Terri Lee (Steve) Kelly and Steven Eugene (Carol) Marlin; her grandchildren, John (Ligita) Ragan, Sharon Ragan, Victoria (Todd) Pae, Heather (Shawn) Etcher, Christopher Marlin, Brian (Amy) Kelly, Eric (Angela) Kelly, Shannon (Jason) Krueger, Elizabeth (Brandon) Hennefer, Rachel (Jason) Cross, Sarah (Jim) Oman, James Ferreter, and Jennifer; and 24 great grandchildren. Lelah is also survived by a son-in-law, Bill (Mary) Ferreter; a sister-in-law, Marilyn (Ronald) Kinneman McDanel; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Thomas Allen, in infancy; a daughter, Victoria Lynn Ferreter; her parents, Lyndon and Celia McDanel; and her brothers, Laverne (Dorothy), Wendell (Pat), Ronald "Bud", and Clell (Patricia) McDanel.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2019, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Lelah's family present from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia, with Pastor Roger Henry officiating. Burial will follow services in Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

Memorials may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia or to the Albia Public Library.

Cemetery Details

Oak View Cemetery

602 2nd Ave.
Albia, IA 52531

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

AUG 20. 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church
1117 Benton Ave East
Albia, IA 52531

Tribute Wall



“ *Lelah Mae Marlin*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Lelah Mae Marlin*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *I knew Lelah very well when she was doing volunteer work in Albia. She was such a caring and kind person. She will be missed a lot.*

Nellie Eaves - August 22, 2019 at 11:41 PM



“ *John--
From Steve Hollingshead {Lige's son } I am so very sorry for your loss, she was a wonderful lady. I lost Dad in 1986, and know the pain you feel. Your wife was always so nice to Vicki's friends and classmates. I remember Vicki from when we started at Grant to the end of high school, she was very special as well. My prayers are with you.
Steve Hollingshead*

LTC J.S. Hollingshead - August 22, 2019 at 09:31 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lelah Mae Marlin.*



August 19, 2019 at 03:58 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lelah Mae Marlin.*



August 16, 2019 at 07:23 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss*

David pope - August 16, 2019 at 08:27 AM



“ *Marlin Family,*

I'm so very sorry for your loss. Lelah was a precious lady and will be missed by many. I was blessed to meet her when I started attending Trinity UMC. You'll be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time and in the difficult days ahead.

Sincerely,

Kim Jolly

Kim Jolly - August 15, 2019 at 05:54 PM