



Merna Jeanette Spencer

September 9, 1918 - April 1, 2016

Merna Jeanette Spencer, age 97, of Albia, passed Friday, April 1, 2016 at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

Merna was born September 9, 1918, to James Oscar and Flora Alice (Roland) Jones in Knoxville, IA. She attended the Council Bluffs School for the Deaf. Merna married William Bryan Spencer on February 25, 1939 in Winterset, IA. To this union 3 children were born, Larry, Leroy and Betty. Together they shared over 40 years of marriage before Williams passing on March 13, 1981.

Merna was a very dedicated and hardworking farmer's wife. She always had flowers and loved working in her flower garden. She enjoyed all wildlife, especially going for rides to watch the deer and turkeys. She loved to watch the birds that would come and visit her feeder at the care center. She was also very talented at sewing. Her real joy in life was spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her children, Leroy (Marlene) Spencer of Allerton, IA, and Betty Nichols of Des Moines and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

Merna was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, William; a son Larry Spencer; a grandson, Christopher Spencer and 2 great grandchildren,

Calvin Spencer and Justin Tackett

Funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 6th, 2016 at Tharp Funeral in Albia, with Pastor Tony Angran officiating. Burial will follow services at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Rural Monroe County.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Merna's family present throughout.

A memorial has been established to the family's wishes.

Merna's family wishes to thank all the faculty and staff at the Oakwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center who helped and cared for Merna and treated her like family.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.tharpfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Merna Jeanette Spencer*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Merna Jeanette Spencer*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Grandma~we love and miss you* ❤️

Sarah Spencer Torres - February 02, 2022 at 10:24 AM



“ *Sending love and prayers to the whole family.*

Matt Scharlau - Mt pleasant, IA - Friend - April 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Betty, Our thoughts and prayers to you! Always loved seeing your Mom's smile when we would see her at a store! Rob & Jolene*

Rob&Jolene Abrahamson - Albia, IA - Friend - April 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *thoughts and prayers are with the entire family and all friends at this sad time, this lady is my friends grandparent. thinking about you Nicole I am very sorry for your loss xx*

Orlaith kelly - Derry - Ireland - Significant Other - April 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ So sorry about your loss. She always had a beautiful smile on her face.

Carol Brown Scott - Albia, IA - Friend - April 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Betty sorry for the loss of your mother. It is hard to lose a loved one. Prayers for you and your family. We were friends for a long time in school.I still live in Avery.

Betty (smead) Thompson - Albia, IA - Friend - April 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ So many fond memories of Aunt Merna..what a wonderful lady!

wilma Jones Evans - New London, IA - Family - April 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Betty - sending you hugs. I will keep you in my prayers.

Kathy Griffin - Albia, IA - Classmate - April 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM