



Thela May Cooksey

August 6, 1930 - February 26, 2017

Thela May (Plank) Cooksey, daughter of the late Harry and Sylvia (Lancaster) Plank was born August 6, 1930 in Madison, Illinois. Thela was the oldest of 16 children. She went to be with the Lord on February 26, 2017 in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 86.

Miss Thela May was united in marriage to the love of her life Mr. Irvin B. Cooksey Sr. on January 3, 1949 and to this union three children were born, Thela June (Cooksey) Kropp, Alma Marie (Cooksey) Mehling and Irvin B. Cooksey Jr. Thela was a remarkable lady. She spent her life making sure everyone was cared for. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend to many.

Thela is survived by her husband, Irvin B. Cooksey Sr. of the home in Salem, Mo; children; Thela June (Cooksey) Kropp , Alma Marie (Cooksey) Mehling and husband David, Irvin B. Cooksey Jr. & Karen (Mehling) Cooksey; brothers, Don Plank and wife Ida, Bill Plank, Haden Plank and wife Mary Lou, Carl Plank and wife Glenda, Gary Plank and wife Carol, Kenneth Plank and wife Linda, Richard Plank and wife Carol; sisters, Alma Jean Kelly & husband Ralph, Verna Bullock,, Ruth Ladd & husband Steve; grandchildren, Edward, Perry, Susie, Anna, Edna and Sylvia; great grandchildren 15; Tom, Allie, Brad, Dylan, Ryan, Anthony, Justin, Jordan, Nick, Mason, Shane, Cody, Lizzie, Olivia, and Emma; great-great

grandchildren; Amelia, Lily, Kera and Scarlett;
a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. In addition to her
parents, Thela was preceded in death by her brothers, Paul, Curtis, Melvin;
sisters, Janice and Rose; son-in-law, Edward G. Kropp.

Funeral services for Thela May Cooksey will be held 11:00AM Friday, March
3, 2017 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Salem, Missouri with Pastor
Jody Dickhut officiating, A visitation for family and friends will be held from
5:00PM-7:00PM Thursday, March 2, 2017 at the Salem Chapel of the James
& Gahr Mortuary. Special music will be provided by her brothers. Interment will
be held in the Cooksey Cemetery in Salem, Missouri.

Cemetery Details

Cooksey Cemetery

Salem, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Thela May Cooksey*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Thela May Cooksey*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thela May Cooksey.*



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