



## Thelma L. Magnin

September 4, 1925 - February 8, 2020

Thelma L. Magnin of St. James, Missouri, passed away at the Phelps Health Hospital in Rolla, Missouri, on February 8, 2020, at the age of 94. Thelma was born on September 4, 1925, in St. Louis, Missouri, to the late Edward and Concordia (Hoehne)Brown.

Miss Thelma Brown married the love of her life, Mr. Robert Magnin, on February 12, 1949. The newly wedded couple moved to the farm where they spent their entire married life. She was very active in the community and her Church; she was a life long member of the St. Johns Lutheran Church in St. James; she was also very active in the Republican National Committee, and an active and passionate member of the farming community in and around the St. James area. She was very talented in sewing; she made her own clothing, drapes for their home, and reupholstered her own furniture; she also worked for the Singer Sewing Machine Company training their employees on the sewing machines. Robert's hobby was building antique cars, and he and Thelma would drive around town and in parades in those cars. Thelma was known for her hat. If you saw her out and about, she would almost certainly have a hat of some sort on; straw floppy hats were her favorite. Although she and Robert had no children of their own, Thelma was a "mother-like" figure to the many nieces and nephews she loved so dearly.

Thelma L. Magnin is survived by her sisters, Mary Sue Langendoerfer and

husband Gerry, of St. James, MO, Betty Beezley, of Glendale, AZ, and Joan Kiczenski and husband Ed, of Town & Country, MO; and host of special nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. In addition to her parents, Edward and Concordia Brown, Thelma was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Robert Magnin, in 2014.

The funeral service will be held at the St. Johns Lutheran Church in St. James, Missouri, on Friday, February 14, 2020, at 12:30 PM with Pastor David Peters officiating. Internment will be at the St. James Cemetery. A visitation for family and friends will be held at the Church on Friday, prior to the service from 10:30-12:30 PM. Memorials are suggested and greatly appreciated to; Concordia Lutheran Seminary, 801 Seminary Pl, St. Louis, MO, 63105. Cards are available at all James & Gahr locations. For online condolences please visit [www.jamesgahrmortuary.com](http://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

**St. James Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

FEB 14. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

St. Johns Lutheran Church  
229 West James BLVD  
St. James, MO 65559

### Service

FEB 14. 12:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma L. Magnin*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Thelma L. Magnin*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *I only met Thelma a few years ago at our Tuesday Morning Women of the Bible classes at St. John Lutheran Church. She always wore a hat and a smile. May she Rest In Peace.*

**Diane Hess** - February 13, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thelma L. Magnin.*



February 11, 2020 at 07:48 PM

“ I’ll never forget the time I spent on the farm when I was little. We lived west in Montana and my mother took my sister and I to St James to stay at the farm so my mother could stay with my Aunt Frida who was passing from cancer. We’d play all day outside. I would help Uncle Robert with his chores when he got home from work or help Aunt Thelma in the house. We were there a month. My cousins would come out and we’d play in the pond and have picnics on the lawn. Towards the end of the stay we were running out of things to do to entertain ourselves. Aunt Thelma let us play on the tractors and in the barn, adopt a stray kitten, and made homes for our turtles. I spent a lot of time with the sweet cows and remember giving every single cow a name that began with “B”. I colored pictures of them with their name that my mother kept all these years.



I only got in trouble once during that long stay and it was a well deserved scolding. My sister and I thought that the cows were getting tired of grass to eat so we picked all the lettuce and cabbage from the garden and fed it to the cows! I’m mortified thinking about that now. Green Acres was a show that was on when I was little and it reminded us so of Aunt Thelma. She was always so “fancy” in our eyes and married to the sweet farmer. She always had on a fancy scarf, beautiful jewelry or a cute hat. I’m sure it wasn’t easy having two kiddos for most of the summer but it was a summer I’ll never forget. My mother spoke endlessly about her family and loved all her “sisters” completely. She looked forward to her visits “home” and Thelma and Robert loved her dearly back. The time she spent with them was never enough.

It was hard growing up away from family but my mother kept all the Aunts and Uncles close. She adored all the Magnins . Aunt Thelma and Uncle Robert drove to Montana to my wedding and gave me a wonderful gift. Uncle Robert made Thelma a chest for their wedding. It’s now my memory chest where I keep pictures and mementos. My whole family knows that in a fire it’s what needs to be saved. The rest of the stuff can go but the chest is special! It meant the world to me that they came and trusted me with that treasure. Thelma was a

*beautiful woman, wife, sister, and Aunt. I loved to hear stories about Thelma's trips to see her sisters. After that summer my mother took us back When we were older. . She loved the farm so much. My children grew up with stories about the farm and one of my daughters was lucky to go back to see it. Aunt Thelma and Uncle Robert built a beautiful life together there where they left a legacy of family and love. My children and I will be back in a couple months to bury my mom in the family plot. I'm so sad that I missed seeing Aunt Thelma. Thelma will be missed but I am certain is having such a wonderful reunion in heaven:)*

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**Nicole Peluso Roullier** - February 11, 2020 at 01:09 AM

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*My Mother Eileen Bell Durbin spoke highly of Thelma & Robert. They were the same age. They always greeted each other when out and about. Especially Fall Festival time seeing them in their antique car driving around. I was recently thinking of her what a grand lady she was. The miracle in her life when her and her car ended up in the lake. A young man rescued her than became trapped and lost his life. We all felt the devastation. Thelma is home at last. God bless her and her big family.*

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**Judy Durbin Schanta** - February 11, 2020 at 08:33 PM

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“*Matthew lit a candle in memory of Thelma L. Magnin*



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**Matthew** - February 11, 2020 at 01:00 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thelma L. Magnin.* ”



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February 10, 2020 at 08:01 PM