



## Thelma "Lucille" Whitaker

November 16, 1925 - December 28, 2021

Thelma "Lucille" Whitaker of St. James, Missouri passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at the St. James Living Center at the age of 96. Lucille was born November 16, 1925 to the late George Washington and Edith (Branson) Taylor.

On April 2, 1943 Miss Lucille Taylor was united in marriage to Archie Whitaker, this union was blessed with two daughters. When Susan was young Lucille and Archie would pack up every summer to go to the Lake of the Ozarks for camping and fishing, it was something the family really enjoyed. Lucille was a member of the First Assembly of God Church, she was a faithful servant of the Lord, and read her Bible daily; Lucille was very gifted in the crafts department, sewing and making quilt tops, knitting, and crocheting; before her sister Shirley passed, she and Lucille would be out at yard sales, thrift shops, and flea markets. Most importantly she adored her family, she was able to care for Aaron and Ariel while Susan went back to work. The bond that she had with all her grandchildren was something that Lucille cherished. She was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, and will be lovingly missed by all that knew and loved her.

Lucille Whitaker is survived by her daughter, Susan Craft and son-in-law, Randy Craft, of St. James, MO; brother, Don Taylor (Ruth), of Rolla, MO; grandchildren, Beth Harrison Reddington (Jim), Roy Harrison, Aaron Craft, and Ariel Craft; great-grandchildren, Casey Craft Etheridge (James), and

James David Reddington; great-great-granddaughter, Giavanna Etheridge; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. In addition to her parents George and Edith Taylor, Lucille was preceded in death by her husband Archie; daughter, Brenda Harrison; sisters, Dorothy Isgriggs, Laura Bell Taylor, and Shirley Ihler; brothers, two infant brothers, Lee Taylor, Lester Taylor, and Charles Taylor; son-in-law, Leroy Harrison.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 30, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the St. James Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary with Pastor Gary Bartle officiating. Visitation will be held at the Chapel prior to the service from 5-7PM. Memorials are suggested to the Flag Springs Church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **30**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - St. James

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma "Lucille" Whitaker*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Thelma "Lucille" Whitaker*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Dear family, prayers are with you in your loss. May the Lord grant you peace and comfort at this time. May the Holy Spirit overshadow you with his presence and the ability to continue, reflecting on wonderful memories.*

**Doug Lane** - December 30, 2021 at 08:41 AM



*I am so sorry for your loss. There are no words to describe the pain and grief you all are going through. I knew Lucille from the nursinghome and thought the world of her. I enjoyed seeing her everyday I was there. Whenever I'd walk past her I would tell her hi and she would always give me this big pretty smile of her she had. I'm sure going to miss that but I will always have the memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you Susan, Randy, your kids and the family. May she R.I.P. Fly high sweet angel!!*

**Karan Sabin** - January 17, 2022 at 05:48 PM



“ Michele Michele sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Thelma "Lucille" Whitaker



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**Michele Michele** - December 30, 2021 at 12:14 AM



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“ Lucille was such a caring, kind soul. I considered her family. She will  
be missed by many. Lin, John and myself will send prayers for the  
family. R.I.P

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**Michele Michele** - December 30, 2021 at 12:13 AM