



Verla L. Hill-Zimmerman

October 30, 1924 - November 19, 2022

Verla L. (Cook) Hill-Zimmerman, 98 yrs. old, formerly of Pekin, IL died peacefully in her sleep November 19, 2022, at Heritage Health and Rehabilitation, Dwight, IL

Born October 30, 1924 an only child, to Elmer and Beuhla Cook, relocated with her parents from Iowa to Pekin, Illinois in 1928 residing there until 2021.

She is predeceased by 1st husband Ova (Joe) Hill in 1942-1997; 2nd husband, Eldon Zimmerman 1998-2013; and son, Blake Hill. She has one surviving daughter Janice (Zimmerman) Mc Clean of Braceville, IL

Verla graduated from Pekin Community High School in 1942 and furthered her education in accounting at I.C.C. She was employed in Caterpillar's accounting department and also H.R. Block.

Verla was a member of Pekin First Christian Church, serving on various committees, later becoming an active member of Pekin First United Methodist Church and most recently attendee of Dwight United Methodist Church. She participated in the Peoria Amateur Radio Club, enjoyed bowling, flowers, Chihuahuas, milk chocolate and fellowship with her family and friends. She lived her life as a committed Christian bringing joy to all that knew her.

Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church, 1315 Court St., Pekin, IL 61554 and/or Dwight United Methodist Church, 701 S. Columbia, Dwight, IL 60420. Per her wishes, cremation rites will be accorded with no services planned at this time. R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory is entrusted with arrangements.

Tribute Wall

LH

“ Verla and Eldon were such special people...so loving and kind...the true epitome of Christian love. And I remember you well, Janice. Larry and I thought so highly of your dad and Verla; we were both blessed to have known them. We used to keep in touch at Christmas, but as we aged, that went by the wayside. I'm so late in posting, but I will also be sending money to First church in her honor. Hugs. Lonnie Sue Howard

Lonnie Howard - December 05, 2022 at 04:28 PM

RK

“ Dear Jan, Bob and I are so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She must have been a wonderful woman to have raised such a beautiful and caring daughter. We pray that you can take comfort in your happy memories of her. Our loved ones are forever with us in our hearts and we will never forget them. Her spirit will always be with you dear Jan.
Love and blessings from your neighbors,
Bob and Sharon Kimmey

Robert & Sharon Kimmey - November 29, 2022 at 04:31 PM

JM

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to all of Verla’s friends and family and loved ones. This year has been tremendous year of loss for myself and our family. I New Verla since I was born. Always playing with their dog tiny or tiny two I can’t remember which one. That dog seem to live forever. Every time Verla and Joe would come over. They would have tiny with them in his little carrier Verla was one of the sweetest people I ever knew. I remember going over there with my mom and dad, Verla, and Joe’s house and Pekin and of course I was somewhat young into me talking like boring but what I would give to have been older and have more conversations with Verla. After Joe passed, it was very hard on my mom and dad in our family. My parents thought the world of him and I thought a lot of Joe as well. But with Verla being Verla, she didn’t let this stop her from having a very good second half of her life. I remember when she met Eldon but little did, I know they had known each other for years. At first, of course I liked Eldon very much and we were both big fans of the Cardinals, which is very important. But I must say I was missing Joe quite a bit. The Elvin was so good for Verla and they quickly found love and got married that’s bringing a new chapter to Verla’s life. And a new daughter n Jan. Jan and I only met once or twice but talk every once in a while but her and Verla seem to hit it off very well and did many things together as Verla thought is my mom as her daughter Verla now had another and Jan. Sorry for running on so long, but Verla was a big part of my life in my mom’s life in my dad’s life and our whole family’s life. She lives in incredible long and wonderful life whom she devoted to her friends and family, and most importantly, God. My name is Jared Morrison the son of Mike and Susan Morrison. I will miss you so much Verla and you will be missed by many others as well until we meet again someday I love you forever.

Jared Morrison - November 27, 2022 at 05:23 AM