



Fostine Dahn Schwark

February 2, 1925 - March 10, 2018

Fostine Dahn Schwark, 93, of Bonfield, passed away Saturday (March 10, 2018) at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

She was born Feb. 2, 1925, in Rockville Township, the daughter of Ellsworth and Valeda Shreffler Milton. Fostine married Herman Dale Dahn on May 8, 1943. He preceded her in death on Oct. 20, 1984. She married Wilbur C. Schwark on Nov. 13, 1993. He preceded her in death on July 4, 2011.

Fostine had been a Limestone Grade School cook for 10 years and the head cook at Bonfield Grade School for 10 years. She had been the township clerk for Limestone Township for nine years and was a member of the Salina Senior Citizens group and a 45-year member of the Bonfield Euchre Club. She enjoyed needlework, reading and traveling. Fostine was a member of Bonfield First United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a son, Gary D. and Kathleen Dahn, of Bonfield; daughter, Cheryl and Bernard Weber, of Ashkum; stepsons, Dennis and Paula Schwark, of Herscher, Gary and Carolyn Schwark, of Lafayette, Ind., and Mark and JoAnn Schwark, of Herscher; stepdaughter, Lana Schwark, of Tucson, Ariz.; brothers, Wayne and Phyllis Milton, of Wilmington, Robert and Sandra Milton, of Kankakee, Wendell and Patricia Milton, of Manteno, and Dale and Bonnie

Milton, of Manteno; sister-in-law, Susan Milton, of Bourbonnais; five grandchildren, Michelle (Troy) Harms, Jason Dahn, Meredith Weber, Michael Weber and Adam Weber; six step-grandchildren, Catherine (Scott) Weber, Austin Schwark, Kayla (Anastacio) Castillo, Dana (Jason) Laney, Steve (Ann) Schwark and Mary Schwark; three great-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; along with many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husbands, preceding her in death were her parents; and a half sister, Vesta Klaufa.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, also at the funeral home, with the Rev. Mel Nielsen officiating. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Aroma Township.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley, Bonfield Lions Club or Bonfield First United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

MAR 14. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CL

“ I worked with Fostine at Limestone School. What fun we had and I can still hear her laugh!!! She even called me when she came to Las Vegas and we went sight seeing!! RIP Fostine!!

Carol LaGesse - March 20, 2018 at 02:36 AM

SS

“ Fostine was a wonderful lady. I will always hold the memories of our days in the kitchen at Bonfield GS near and dear to my heart! She will forever be 'Fossil' to me! Rest in Peace Dear Friend! You will be missed!

Sue Schnell - March 14, 2018 at 04:09 PM

MB

“ Mary Pat Taylor Barney lit a candle in memory of Fostine Dahn Schwark



Mary Pat Taylor Barney - March 14, 2018 at 08:24 AM

MB

So many wonderful memories of a great lady.....such a good friend of, and to, my parents. Card parties.....what a fun group that spent so many years playing euchre together! I am “out of state”, so I can't come to see you personally, but you will be in my thoughts during this difficult time.

Mary Pat Taylor Barney - March 14, 2018 at 08:30 AM

JM

“ Well said Jenny! I have fond memories of Fostine's smile and overall friendliness. A memory I have of growing up would be our Sunday afternoon visits to the home place. As we drove into the yard we could see the visage of Fostine and Valeda in the window straining to identify who was now arriving. We would go inside and sheepishly ask Ellsworth for some Juicy Fruit gum which he would dole out in half-piece increments. We spent the afternoon visiting with Aunts and Uncles and playing with cousins on the big farm! Ghosts in the Graveyard anyone? Fond memories of a bygone era when family stayed closer and spent much time together! You will be missed Fostine! Sympathies to my cousins and their families! May God comfort you during this time of loss!

John Milton

John Milton - March 13, 2018 at 12:20 PM

CC

“ Cindy Austin Chaffee lit a candle in memory of Fostine Dahn Schwark



Cindy Austin Chaffee - March 13, 2018 at 12:07 AM

JM

“ We were saddened to hear of Aunt Fostine's passing. I have such wonderful memories of her. I especially treasure the conversation we had a couple of years ago about the Orphan Trains and how grandpa Ellsworth came to the area on one as a young boy. She had such a wonderful memory of the Milton family tree. I learned so much from her. She will be missed.

Jennifer Milton-Houlton - March 12, 2018 at 08:37 PM

DS

“ *Debbie Meredith Stone lit a candle in memory of Fostine Dahn Schwark*



Debbie Meredith Stone - March 12, 2018 at 07:26 PM

DS

Sad to hear of this lovely lady's passing. She was such a welcoming, generous & fun-loving person. Our times at the farm will remain fond memories for Heather & I. We know you all will miss her dearly. Hugs & Prayers, Debbie & Chuck

Debbie Meredith Stone - March 12, 2018 at 07:36 PM

JK

“ *I was so saddened to hear of Fostine's passing. Growing up, it seemed as if my family and hers was all one extended family. We shared so many meals together, went on fishing vacations, and just had so much fun! Fostine was just a wonderful, kind person! She was also one of my folks favorite persons. God bless you, Fostine! Love you!*

James Kraft - March 12, 2018 at 03:25 PM

JP

“ *Fostine was a beautiful person both inside and out. She always had an infectious smile that would light up any room she walked into. May she rest in peace, and her family be comforted.*

Jim Puswaskis - March 12, 2018 at 12:21 PM

LG

“ *She was one of favorite ladies from church! I loved giving her hugs! She was so beautiful, and will be missed! I called her My Lady, she was so beautiful! I loved her so much!*

Lisa Gronert - March 11, 2018 at 11:35 PM

DA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Fostine's family. She was a very special lady. I have so many wonderful memories of spending time on the farm. She will be greatly missed.*
Diana Anderson

Diana Anderson - March 11, 2018 at 02:23 PM