



Stella Chenore

September 25, 1914 - August 18, 2008

Stella G. Chenore, of Fontana, Wis., formerly of St. Anne and Coal City, passed away on Monday (Aug. 18, 2008), at the age of 93. Her son was by her side when she fell into eternal sleep at Vintage on the Ponds assisted living facility in Delavan, Wis. Stella began life as a cute and cuddly baby girl on Sept. 25, 1914, in Clifton, Illinois, as the youngest of 11 children of Delphis and Carol Mear. Her original career was two-fold, a full-time mother as well as a farmer's wife to her late husband, Rodger. Stella retired into the real estate business at the tender age of 63 and worked as a real estate agent in Coal City, Illinois, until 2003, when she was 88. Stella is survived by her son, Rodger D. Chenore and daughter-in-law, Laura Chenore of Fontana, Wis; her son-in-law, Roy Namchick of Coal City, Illinois; and four grandchildren, Ranger and Remington Chenore of Fontana, Renee Namchick of Fort Worth, Texas, and John Namchick of Coal City. She is preceded in death by her husband, Rodger A. Chenore; one daughter, Susan Carol Namchick; and 10 brothers and sisters. Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home in St. Anne. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Anne Catholic Church. Interment will be in St. Anne Catholic Cemetery. In addition to loving and catering to her family, Stella had several passions and was an independent, compassionate and competitive spirit. Almost from birth, she became and remained a "die-hard" Cubs fan (though her loyalty was severely challenged when the Cubs traded Mark Grace to the Diamondbacks). She was an extraordinary baker and decorator

of wedding cakes who piled up to seven or eight layers on special occasions. Later in life, Stella developed a love of greyhound dog racing, which she and her husband, Rodger, participated in as owners of greyhounds that they raised on their farm in Illinois. Her two best racers, Pepper Ree and Cassman, won several memorials and inaugural races, running primarily out of Orlando, Fla. Memorials to Stella may be made to the Greyhound Pets of America, a national and nonprofit organization, made up solely of volunteers dedicated to finding loving, responsible homes for retired racing greyhounds.

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“ *Stella was a great lady. I didn't meet her until her last years at Rosegarden. But in the short time I spent with her left me with many nice memories. She was always helpful to everyone. Up until she moved to Wisconsin she was still baking for all the funerals at Assumption Church and baking at Christmas for her real estate clients. She was proud being a Grandma and was always showing her little ones picture off. She was missed when she moved by all her friends in Coal City.##imported-begin##Mary Steffes##imported-end##*

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“ Before Great Aunt Stella retired from real estate, I visited her in Coal City and we had dinner together. She told me some family stories, but the one I remember the most (And this has always been a part of our family lore and is also true)is the story about how she knew what was in the love letters my grandparents wrote to each other while they were dating (they probably called it "courting") during the Depression. Grandpa was a terrible speller. I don't know which was worse, his spelling or his penmanship. Anyway, he was always asking his sister Stella, how to spell this word and that word. She used to say that it was "every other word" and that she knew what those love letters said. As the family genealogist, I have those letters that she basically helped Grandpa write.

I think the obituary is a lovely one. I am guessing that Rodger wrote it. However, I have two corrections I would like to make. Stella's mother was named Susan. And I believe Stella lost another child, in infancy.##imported-begin##Debbie Lubbert##imported-end##

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“ Sorry to hear of your mothers passing. Did not know until today(sunday). ĩ½She was a very special person. ĩ½We will be thinking of you in your loss. ĩ½Terry & Vicki##imported-begin##Terry & Vicki Regnier##imported-end##

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“ Our memories of "Aunt Stella" are of someone who always was smiling and had a sunny, happy disposition. ¶½The adjective "fun" was part of our memories of her too; in fact, Marvin always said Stella was his "favorite" Aunt. ¶½It seems life gets busy and sorry to say we didn't get to see much of Aunt Stella these last few years, especially since we moved from Illinois to Arkansas, but we will always remember her smiling face. ¶½We are unable to come back to Illinois for the services since Marvin is still recuperating from radiation therapy for ¶½prostate cancer, but our prayers and thoughts go to Stella's family at this time. ¶½I'm sure she is viewing us all now from a loftier place. ¶½And, remember when you lose someone you love, you gain an "Angel" you know!!

Love and prayers,

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