



Thelma Lunsford

January 30, 1918 - September 25, 2006

Thelma Lunsford -- BourbonnaisThelma L. Lunsford, 88, of Bourbonnais, died Monday (Sept. 25, 2006) at her residence. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.Mrs. Lunsford was a homemaker and a licensed beautician. She was born Jan. 30, 1918, in Benton, the daughter of Otis and Callie Stuart Pearce. Her husband, Andrew Lunsford, whom she married Oct. 20, 1950, in Kankakee, died Sept. 20, 1994. She was director of the Kankakee Valley Genealogical Society; and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Central Christian Church.Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Nelson and Sue Lunsford of Lockport, Robert and Helen Lunsford of Rockford, David and Brenda Williams of Ronda, N.C.; three grandchildren, Robert (Jennifer), Scott Andrew, and Michelle; and seven great-grandchildren.Deceased are her parents; one brother, Stewartie; and one sister, Leona.



“ Sorry I only just found this. had wondered why I had not heard from Thelma Lou. It must have been about this time that we were doing genealogy in Danville. I will miss her greatly. Bob and Helen, when you get time, would you write an e-mail or a snail mail and tell me what happened. God bless a sweet lady.

Mary Alice###imported-begin###Mary Alice Hunt###imported-end###

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“ Thelma was a great friend and fellow genealogist she help me with my Stewarts, Grays, Launius/Lanius, Short, Jackson and others in my family Tree her mother Callie and my grandmother Dallas were sisters I would like to hear from other family members i; ½Take care and God Bless

I really wish I could have met her in person we did talk on the phone a few times she will be missed

if her sons read this please contact me.###imported-begin###Marilyn Miller###imported-end###

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“ I lived with Thelma and her family during the summers (1953 and '54) as a teenager while working in Kankakee. ¶½Her mother, Callie, was a first cousin of my mother. Thelma was such a good cook and homemaker. I was a bit older than the sons, but we enjoyed having lots of fun together. It was a safe place for me to be as my home was in Benton, IL. I recall paying a certain amount weekly for my room and board. ¶½Without knowing it, Thelma saved part of that money and gave it to me at the end of the summer when I was ready to go back home to start school. ¶½That money was used to buy fabric that my mother and I used to make school clothes. ¶½I read the Benton obituaries often and saw her name there today. ¶½To the two sons I knew, thank you for pleasant memories, and God bless you during this difficult time. ¶½Since this is not a secure site, I'm not entering my address, phone #, or email site.##imported-begin##Vida Hill Little##imported-end##

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“ I was hoping to visit Thelma the first time just two weeks ago, but got sick while visiting in Indiana and didn't want to take the "Virus" to her.

Thelma helped me locate a long lost LUNSFORD relative and she has been special to me ever since. ĩ½Just this past summer she sent me copies of her genealogy file on LUNSFORDS "to watch over." ĩ½Thinking it strange, I wrote and asked if she was O.K. ĩ½She said, just getting older, etc.....I thought then she might be ill and just not saying so.

After sending me the LUNSFORD records, I visited numerous gravesites for her and sent her pictures of the tombstones, as well as a number of obits from Kentucky. ĩ½

Thelma, although we never met, was courtious in her E:Mail and was a woman I definately wanted to meet.

We shall.....later.

May God be special to her family in their grief.

Joyce Melnar

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“ I last saw Thelma on Sept. 19. ĩ½As always she was fun to be with. God bless her.##imported-begin##Nancy Snow##imported-end##

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“ SUCH A LOVELY LADY! ĩ½ALWAYS A SMILE & A HANDWAVE! ĩ½MOWED HER LAWN ON THAT RIDING MOWER LIKE A TROOPER & BACKED HER CAR IN THE GARAGE WITH EXPERTISE! ĩ½SHE'LL BE MISSED...##imported-begin##DAVE & CAROLYN HASKINS##imported-end##

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“ *Thelma: A lovely Lady and fellow family researcher.*##imported-begin##*Mary E. Wilkerson*##imported-end##

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