



## Erma Story

February 3, 1932 - September 14, 2020

Erma Lee Story, age 88 years, a resident of Puxico, Missouri and a former resident of Metropolis, Illinois and Johnson County, passed away Monday morning, September 14, 2020, at 5:00 AM, at the Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center.

Erma was born February 3, 1932 in Karnak, Illinois. She was the daughter of Marion E. and Cora Ann (Dunn) Stevens.

On July 10, 1948, Erma was united in marriage to Wayne Edward Greer. He preceded her in death on November 9, 1960. She was later united in marriage to Charles B. Story and he preceded her in death on February 6, 1990.

Erma is survived by: her children – Barbara Ann (Rev. Everett) Owens of Puxico, Missouri, Rose Mary (Allan) Anderson of Gulf Shores, Alabama, Edward Lee (Shari) Greer of Metropolis, Kathy M. (Wayne) Jennings of Metropolis, and Jackie Ray (Michelle) Greer of Dongola; step children – Charles Story of Joppa and Sue (Ronnie) Bradley of the Hillerman community; grandchildren – Charles Wayne Owens, Marla Hanlon, Schree Gunnels, Katina White, Kristina Ramey, Helen Hessling, Angela Carter, Amy Cohoon, Buffy Wright, Travis Greer, Kelly Allan, Matthew Greer, Michelle Cummings, Lee Jennings, Sara Calkins, Benjiman Greer, and Zackary Greer; 12 step grandchildren; 46 great grandchildren; 5 great-great grandchildren; her

siblings – Barbara Foster of Goreville, Alberta Stevens of Chicago, Patricia Warner of Sherwood, Arkansas and Marion Louis Stevens of Olive Branch; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to her parents and husbands, Erma was preceded in death by: a son – Bobby Gene Greer; step sons – Jimmy Story and Danny Story; grandsons – Wayne Edward Greer, Robert Gene Greer, & Kevin Whitaker; great granddaughter – Kaitlyn Rose McGregor; and siblings – Minnie Smith, Mary Williams, Linda Price, Aaron Stevens, Velma Dickerson, Wesley Rhymer, Kenny Stevens, Billy Stevens, as well as 5 infant sisters.

Erma was a homemaker. She had also worked as a restaurant cook. Erma had owned and operated a ceramic shop in Cypress for many years and taught Shawnee Community College ceramic crafting classes in her shop. Erma was of the Pentecostal faith. She was a gifted and talented artisan. In addition to her ceramic making skills, Erma enjoyed quilt and leather purse making. Erma cherished her family and enjoyed spending time with them.

A Celebration of the Life of Erma Lee Story will be conducted Friday morning, September 18, 2020, at 11 AM at the Belknap Masonic Cemetery. Rev. Everett Owens, Erma's son-in-law, will officiate.

Those attending the service are invited to gather at the cemetery at 10:45 AM Friday.

Casual and comfortable attire is suggested. Additionally, those attending are invited to bring a lawn chair. Adherence to social distancing guidelines is recommended and the wearing of a face mask or covering is strongly encouraged.

Memorials may be made to the Heather Harper Treat Memorial Fund, P.O.

Box 98, Vienna, IL 62995.

# Cemetery Details

## Belknap Masonic Cemetery

Sunflower Lane  
Belknap, IL 62908

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **18**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Belknap Masonic Cemetery  
Sunflower Lane  
Belknap, IL 62908

# Tribute Wall



“ *Erma Story*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *JD And Tammy Mathis sent a virtual gift in memory of Erma Story*



**JD and Tammy Mathis** - September 19, 2020 at 05:43 AM



“ *Mandi McIntosh lit a candle in memory of Erma Story*



**Mandi McIntosh** - September 18, 2020 at 12:55 AM



“ *Travis, Dowl, Thelma, Rhonda, Trina, Mark, Scott purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Erma Story.*



**Travis, Dowl, Thelma, Rhonda, Trina, Mark, Scott** - September 16, 2020 at 08:39 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Erma Story.



September 16, 2020 at 08:23 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Erma Story.



September 16, 2020 at 08:13 PM



“ Trina Kressley lit a candle in memory of Erma Story



**Trina Kressley** - September 16, 2020 at 07:32 PM



*She always treated me as family. May God bless her and everyone she loved.*

**Trina Kressley** - September 16, 2020 at 07:39 PM

SM

“ *She was such a sweet soul. She will be missed dearly!* ”



summer montgomery - September 16, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Erma Story.* ”



September 16, 2020 at 08:20 AM

VE

“ *Vicki L Eastwood lit a candle in memory of Erma Story* ”



Vicki L Eastwood - September 15, 2020 at 08:33 PM



“ *I lived across the street from Erma, she had such a great personality. She was one of the most kindest and sweetest person I knew growing up. I remember going to revivals with her. She's in heaven now. I give my sympathy to the family. For she was very well loved.* ”



Robert and Lori Taylor - September 15, 2020 at 08:08 PM

TR

“ *Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Erma Story*



Teresa Richerson - September 15, 2020 at 07:55 PM

JS

“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Erma Story*




John Slack - September 15, 2020 at 06:45 PM

MS

“ *Mitch and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of Aunt Erma. She was a sweet lady. May God Bless and comfort all of you knowing that she is safe with Jesus.*

Mitch and Ellen Story - September 15, 2020 at 05:53 PM

 Beth Hastings

“ *Very sweet aunt always willing to do for others and want nothing in return. Will never forget how she helped with my mother her sister Velma Lou as she would call her. I know they are all up there having a ball catching up on things hugs and prayers for the family love to all*



Beth Hastings - September 15, 2020 at 05:29 PM

CW

“ *Christie West lit a candle in memory of Erma Story*



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**Christie West** - September 15, 2020 at 05:18 PM

WR

“ *So many memories of this sweet lady. She loved her family. Remember all the Family Christmas at Cypress. Prayers for comfort and Peace but know she is rejoicing in Heaven with Jesus and having a great family reunion*

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**Willie & Terrie Rhymer** - September 15, 2020 at 03:06 PM

DS

“ *Erma was always loving and caring. She is dancing in heaven, rejoicing and praising our Lord and Savior. Even though we grieve for her, she is happy and not hurting any longer. “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”*  
—John 14:27 (ESV)



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**Denise Schaffer** - September 15, 2020 at 02:06 PM

LP

“ *Lisa Pierson lit a candle in memory of Erma Story*



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**Lisa Pierson** - September 15, 2020 at 01:02 PM

BJ

“ *Brittany Johnson lit a candle in memory of Erma Story*



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**Brittany Johnson** - September 15, 2020 at 12:48 PM

SS

“ *Susie Smith lit a candle in memory of Erma Story*



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**Susie Smith** - September 15, 2020 at 09:25 AM

JU

“ *Erma Story was a great lady. She always had a smile and enjoyed life. Although the angels came on September 14th to take her to heaven, her memory will always remain in our hearts. Your mother and grandmother's kindness and love lives in you. We are blessed to have known her.*

*Thinking of you,  
Don and Janet Ulrich*

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**Janet Ulrich** - September 14, 2020 at 10:01 PM

LC

“ *I grew up next door to this wonderful woman . She was like an extra grandma. Love her family and have been close to all of them as well growing up. Prayers and loving you all during this time. LaRay and Scott Capron*

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**LaRay and Scott Capron** - September 14, 2020 at 08:57 PM