



Mary E. Clark

January 1, 1926 - April 22, 2025

Mary Esther (Ethridge) Clark, age 99 years, a resident of rural Vienna, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 10:37 P.M. at the home of her nephew in Crown Point, Indiana.

Mary was born January 1, 1926 in Dixon Springs (Pope County) Illinois. She was the daughter of Charles Columbus and Alpha Lula (Bullock) Ethridge.

On September 17, 1956, Mary was united in marriage to James Roy Clark in Kankakee, Illinois. He preceded her in death on February 8, 2020.

Mary is survived by a host of nieces and nephews, including Roger and Karen Ethridge, with whom Mary made her home for the past two years. They, along with their family, were Mary's caregivers. She enjoyed going with the family on outings and spending time with them.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mary was preceded in death by seven brothers: Perry, Auburn, Charles, Harry, Verland, Clarence and Alfred; as well as 4 sisters – Freedonia Reeves, Charlotte Miller, Lillian Porter and Cora Lamore.

During her working career, Mary had been employed in the retail grocery business as well as in the health care field.

Mary loved nature and spending time outdoors. She and James Roy always had a huge vegetable garden, as well as fruit and nut trees on their farm. Mary enjoyed watching the wildlife that would visit her yard. In particular, she was fascinated by the cardinals and hummingbirds that would come to her feeders and window. One special cardinal would sit on the window ledge and Mary could actually hand feed it. Mary was also an accomplished artist and loved painting.

A service honoring the life of Mary E. Clark will be held Saturday afternoon, May 3, 2025, at 1 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Brian Lingle will officiate.

Burial will be in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery.

Visitation will be conducted Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 11 A.M. until the funeral hour at 1 P.M.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Debra Ethridge and Nicole Lindgren purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mary E. Clark.



Debra Ethridge and Nicole Lindgren - May 01, 2025 at 06:55 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mary E. Clark.



April 29, 2025 at 01:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary E. Clark.

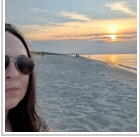
April 29, 2025 at 01:31 PM

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“ We will always be missing you! Loved you so much!



David and Tricia Bailey - April 28, 2025 at 05:17 PM



“ You will always be in my memories and in my heart. I will never forget you and Roy teaching me about herbs and different trees on our walks in the Shawnee. Roy would tell me his tricks about making dandelion wine and his famous blackberry brandy. You two were my favorite people. You were such a strong woman I wish I could have seen you and mom giggle again together. I will miss you tell Roy about those redwing black birds for me. Love Nikki



Nikki Lindgren - April 27, 2025 at 07:45 PM



“ Barbara Jeffress lit a candle in memory of Mary E. Clark



Barbara Jeffress - April 25, 2025 at 10:12 AM