



Ruth Harper

March 7, 1910 - February 24, 2009

Ruth L. Harper

Age: 98 years

A resident of rural Tunnel Hill, IL.

Passed away Tuesday morning, February 24, 2009, at 2:35 AM at the Heartland Regional Medical Center in Marion, IL.

Ruth was born March 7, 1910 in Union County, IL. She was the daughter of Ova Lowery and Mary (Mahan) Lowery.

Ruth was united in marriage to Joseph Wesley Harper on March 6, 1929 in Johnson County Illinois. He preceded her in death on April 14, 1976.

Survivors include:

a Son - Wayne E. & Sally Harper of Kewanee, IL

a Daughter - Ann & Bill Weinstein of Tunnel Hill, IL

4 Grandchildren - Ruthanne & Keith Lewis of Tunnel Hill, IL

Wesley & Peg Harper of Menomonie, WI

Wynne & Bill Johnson of Kewanee, IL

Willa Harper of Kankakee, IL

4 Great Grandchildren - Joey & Keith Francis of Tunnel Hill, IL

Amber Harper of Chana, IL

Joseph & Lisa Harper of Oklahoma City, OK

Jason & Melissa Harper of Blaine, MN

9 Great Great Grandchildren - Tucker Francis, Tyler Francis, Brittney Merryman,

Alyssa Merryman, Matthew Harper, Zechariah

Harper, Jaden Harper, Rakayla Harper & Wyatt

Harper

Ruth was anticipating the birth of her 10th Great Great Grandchild in September

4 Brothers - Joel & Arlene Lowery of Galesburg, IL

Gene & Ann Lowery of Oxford, NC

Jim & Shirley Lowery of Pennsylvania

Ova & Carol Lowery, Jr. of Mesa, AZ

Several Nieces & Nephews

2 Brothers-in-Law - Norman & Helen Harper of Vienna, IL

Lowell Farquhar of Bourbonnais, IL

3 Sisters-in-Law - Mildred Harper of Vienna, IL

Betty Harper of Vienna, IL

Ruth Lowery of East Peoria, IL

In addition to her Parents & Husband, Ruth was preceded in death by:

a Great-Great Granddaughter - Mahalie Francis

3 Brothers - Bill Lowery, Charles Lowery, & Bob Lowery

2 Infant Brothers

a Sister - Anna Farquhar

3 Brothers-in-Law - Fred Harper, Cecil Harper, Loree Harper

4 Sisters-in-Law - Jewell Cook, Opal Noonan, Ruby Reynolds, & Mary Lois Emery

Ruth attended the Tunnel Hill Grade School. She was a lifelong homemaker and a wonderful cook. She was especially noted for her pies, cobblers, and dressing (which she never shared her recipe for).

Ruth was a member of the Tunnel Hill unit of the Johnson County Homemaker's Extension. She was also a R.S.V.P. volunteer. Ruth was a member of the Taylor United Methodist Church and a dedicated and active member of the United Methodist Women's organization as long as her health permitted.

Ruth enjoyed knitting, crochet, & working crossword puzzles. She made many knitted dishcloths, as well as crocheted doilies & table runners.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 28, 2009, at 10 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Rev. Lance Leeds and Rev. Wesley Harper will officiate.

Burial will be in the Reynoldsburg Cemetery.

Friends may call after 5 PM Friday at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Reynoldsburg Cemetery, c/o Bob Harper, 30 Harpertown Lane, Tunnel Hill, IL 62972.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Harper*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM