



Ethel May St. John

May 2, 1929 - August 7, 2021

ETHEL MAY ST. JOHN

1929 – 2021

Ethel May (Bethel) St. John age 92 a long time resident of Plattsmouth, NE died peacefully on Saturday, August 7, 2021 at the Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home in Bellevue, NE.

Ethel was born on May 2, 1929 to Glenn and Julia Violet (Stull) Bethel in Plattsmouth. She attended and graduated from Stull School. Ethel was the great granddaughter of John Frederick Stull. Mr. Stull was Plattsmouth's first blacksmith (1856), the first settler on the Platte bottom north of town, and the founder of Stull School #28 in 1889.

After graduating from school, Ethel worked at Kent's Cafe in Plattsmouth as a waitress. It was there, she met a young airman named Javez "JJ" St. John and they were united in marriage on December 1, 1949 in Plattsmouth. After marrying, she worked at The Nebraska Masonic Home as a cook. Ethel and JJ were blessed with three daughters Glennia, Velinda "Lindy", and Judy. As an Air Force wife, she made their home in the states where JJ was stationed. When JJ retired from the Air Force, they made their home in Plattsmouth on the family farm. They loved raising cattle, pigs, horses, and other animals that one wandered onto the farm. Friends and family frequently teased them about it being, "St. John's funny farm". She shared her love of the farm life with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ethel loved gardening, flowers, farm life, her family, friends, and her

grandchildren. She was a creative artist in ceramics and an active member in the Plattsmouth Citizens Radio Club. Ethel was active in their local church and youth activities. Her ministry was sending cards to others.

She is survived by her husband of 71 years: JJ St. John of Plattsmouth, NE; three daughters: Glennia Sand and husband Gene of Plattsmouth, NE; Velinda "Lindy" Peterson and husband Dave of Essex, IA; Judy Stohlmann and husband Wayne of Milford, NE; grandchildren: Kathy Bellmyer and husband Gary, Aaron Sand and intended Lori, Brandy Sell and husband Lee, Troy Peterson, Bryan Stohlmann and wife Michelle, and Aren Stohlmann; great-grandchildren: Jenna, Brandon, and Kyla Bellmyer, Lee, Hayden, Quentin, and Alivia Sell, Makayla Ruzicka, Miranda Stohlmann, Connor Johnson, and Carson Stohlmann; great great grandchildren: Kaiden Fazel and Nevaeh Sell; two brothers: Lawrence Bethel and wife Joyce of Whitefield, OK; Jerry Bethel of Plattsmouth, NE; her sister: Doris J. Tandy of Plattsmouth, NE; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

Ethel was preceded in death by her parents: Glenn and Julia Bethel, her sisters: Retha Bethel, Julia "Sissy" Inez Bethel, her brother: Dale Bethel, sister-in-law: Bonnie Bethel, and brother-in-law: Thurman Tandy.

Visitations will be held from 1:00 to 9:00 P.M., with family greeting relatives and friends from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at Roby Funeral Home in Plattsmouth.

A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 A.M., on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth with Pastor Thomas Starkjohn officiating.

The Pallbearers will be Aaron Sand, Aren Stohlmann, Troy Peterson, Bryan Stohlmann, Steve Tandy, Shane Fisher, Jason Fisher, and Jerry Sand. The Honorary Pallbearers will be Jerry Bethel, Lawrence Bethel, Joyce Bethel, Doris Tandy, Brandy Sell, Kathy Bellmyer, Michelle Stohlmann, and Brandon Bellmyer.

Her Final Resting Place will be at Oak Hill Cemetery in Plattsmouth.

The family suggests Memorials to the College of the Ozarks, 100 Opportunity

Ave., Point Outlook, MO 65726.

Services are entrusted to Roby Funeral Home, 346 Avenue A, Plattsmouth,
NE 68048 (402) 296-3123 robymfuneralhome@charter.net www.robymfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

149 Oak Hill Road
Plattsmouth, NE 68048
(402) 298-8046

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 10. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

AUG 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Church of The Holy Spirit
520 South 18th St
Plattsmouth, NE 68048

Tribute Wall



“ *Ethel May St. John*

October 09, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *Glennia St John-Sand lit a candle in memory of Ethel May St. John*



Glennia St John-Sand - November 15, 2021 at 03:22 PM



Mom, missing and thinking of you. Love Glennia

Glennia St John-Sand - November 15, 2021 at 03:23 PM



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Roby Funeral Home - August 11, 2021 at 03:05 PM



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“ *I am the daughter of Rip Collins. My name is Marianne. I remember going to the farm and she always was there with a smiling face. She fed me and my Sisters and brothers until We couldn't eat another bite. It was always such a pleasure to spend time with her and her family. I always felt like family when I was there. You are dearly missed and my father Rip Collins loved you for everything you have ever done for him and his family. Thank you God for allowing her into your kingdom we are no pain or suffering will ever be felt again.*

Marianne Collins - August 11, 2021 at 12:30 PM

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“ *The Rip Collins Family purchased the Lavender & White Standing Spray for the family of Ethel May St. John.*



The Rip Collins Family - August 10, 2021 at 09:35 AM